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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

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Easter Sunday April 21

Easter lifts the fog

A man stood one day where he could view the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. At first it was completely shrouded in early morning fog. But as the sun rose, the fog lifted between the upright piers of the bridge, leaving the land anchors still unseen.

Isn't that the with life? We see only what is between the great piers called birth and death. But Easter lifts the fog from both. Easter is the time when we see more completely the anchorages that sustain life.

The silence of Saturday

What's compelling about Holy Saturday is that Jesus' disciples surely descended into their own kind of hell — one to which anyone who has lost a loved one to death can relate. Death's finality and wrenching silence strike fear in us.

The silence of Holy Saturday reminds us powerfully that death isn't something to be circumvented or avoided. The truth is that we need to go through a Saturday of death, recognizing its power, before we can realize the power of a Sunday of resurrection, when death is defeated.

Crucial verse

In 1 Corinthians 15:19 (NRSV), Paul expressed very clearly how critical the Resurrection is to our Christian hope. *"If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."*

Music in the Bible

I have always been interested in music and history. The Old Testament records that the use of music in worship services was a prominent part of the worship of God in Israel. The first written record in the Bible of vocal music being used as part of a religious ceremony is found in Exodus 15:1-2.

After Moses parted the Red Sea and led the Israelites to the opposite shore, they paused and celebrated their victory over the pharaoh and his army. Exodus 15:1-2 (NIV) says, *"Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: I will sing to the Lord for he is highly exalted."*



"The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him." This is the first time in the Bible that an entire community sang praises to God.

Hebrew music was usually vocal. The lyre was a common instrument used to accompany the human voice. When singing first appears in the Bible, it was noted that it was used as a familiar part of merry making. Genesis 31:27 speaks of *"singing with joy to the music of tambourines and harps."*

It is said that David had a choir of 288 voices. Solomon was a song writer who, according to I Kings, 4:32, composed 'a thousand and five' songs.

Throughout history, the journey of faith has been joined together with praises to God through the use of music. In Psalm 147:7 (NIV) we read, *"Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp."*

And then in Psalm 150: 3-6 (NIV): *"Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."*

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Hymns help

Many people say that singing hymns in church is very helpful to them. After an exhausting week at work, they find it inspirational and soothing to sing hymns in church. Hymns let them put the stress of their week behind them, to become touched with something beautiful and holy, and to become more relaxed and uplifted.



From a church bulletin:
That actually should be
balcony.

Announcement: If you arrive after the ser-
vice has begun, please sit in the balcony.



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Jeanne Puffenbarger who died on Wednesday, March 13. She was 77. She had served as Mis-
sions Chairman, Deaconess, and Secretary of the American Baptist Wom-
en's Ministries. Her husband, John L. Puffenbarger, survives.

Easter Lilies Order Form

If you wish to place an Easter Lily in The Church for Easter, please fill out this
form and give it to Hallie Hurst by Wednesday, April 17 - or call her at 304-642-
5430. The cost is \$17.50 which includes tax, and Feola's Flowers will bill direct.

Name _____

Address _____

"In Honor Of" _____

"In Memory Of" _____

Quantity _____ Total Cost \$ _____

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast after the Sunrise Service
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

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Maundy Thursday

The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means
"commandment."

In the gospel of John, Jesus said during the Last Supper: "*I am with you only a lit-
tle longer. ... I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I
have loved you, you also should love one another.*" (John 13:33-35, NRSV).

Maundy Thursday should always be a time of sharing with others, showing loving
concern for one another, and partaking of Holy Communion. That is what the Lord
asked of his disciples and asks of us.

Discount for children

The little boy had not been to many worship services. He thought the offering
plate was where one put money for admission to the church. When the collection plate
was being passed along their pew, he whispered to his father, "*Don't pay for me, Dad-
dy. I'm only five.*"

Be an April fool

April Fools' Day is best known as a day for practical jokes, but it can be used in
more beneficial ways. It can be a day of faith and fun - a day to thank God for the joy-
ous times of life, for the days of laughter, for funny stories, for the antics of children
and for other things that bring smiles to our faces.

There is opportunity for laughter every day. Laugh! Laugh heartily and often. You
will find healing in mirth and levity. And remember, "*He who sits in the heavens
laughs ...*" (Psalms 2:4, NRSV).

Hush ... hush

Seven-year-old Kathy tried to quiet her younger brother during a church service.
"Hush ... hush," she warned him. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why?" asked the brother. "Who's going to stop me?" Kathy pointed to the rear of
the sanctuary. "See those men standing back there? Well, those are the *hushers!*"

From Pastor Jay

In John 19:9-11 (NIV, 1984), there is a clear expression, at least to me, between Jesus and Pontius Pilate where Pilate has no idea with what he is talking about and with whom he is speaking. This verse has astounded me but I wonder if it's a verse we might overlook. Everything is coming to a head and Jesus will be sentenced to death. Pilate speaks to Jesus, *"Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."* Pilate speaks from a place of arrogance and ignorance. But then, he's also shook. In verse 12, he seeks to plead for Jesus' release, but to no avail.

As we speak upon the cross and Jesus' power. I am awestruck by our Savior's power, his subtlety. Jesus dealt Pilate the proverbial 'Mic Drop'. To clarify, the mic drop is our contemporary slang of proving a point and convincingly getting that point across, placing the emphatic, exclamation point at the end. Even so, it's so subtle how Jesus does this. Jesus' power is expressed by his own restraint of it. Consider how Jesus responds, "Pilate, the only reason you're able to do what you're able to do is that I give you permission to hand me over to be crucified. You don't make that call, I do. You don't have that power and authority, I do." Do we realize that at the snap of his fingers or the blink of an eye, Jesus could have been done with all of this?

Yet, we know our Lord's response, *"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly* (1 Peter 2:23)." He could have snapped or blinked, but in his power, he chose obedience and love, obedience before his Father and love for you and me. T.F. Torrance writes, "If I did not believe in the cross, I could not believe in God. The cross means that, while there is no explanation of evil, God himself has come into the midst of it in order to take it upon himself, to triumph over it, and deliver us from it." His love. His power. We cry and call out, "Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

"Man of sorrows!" what a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood; Hallelujah, what a savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we, spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished," was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high, Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing, Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Pastor Jay, continued...

And we know there is much more to the story! His power to restrain that led to his death is now overshadowed by his power to raise to life, Jesus' life and our own. The One who saves us from death is the One who gives us redeeming, reconciling, reinvigorating, renewing, restoring, and resurrected life. This is the faith to which we believe and ascribe. This is the enduring hope that breathes life and newness into our failing, and often tired, minds and bodies. This is the love we encounter that even though we were sinners, Jesus died for us (Romans 5:8).

We remember the mission of Jesus and the cross. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). Jesus who knew no sin, became sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21). We remember his amazing love and limitless grace. And we hold tightly to his glorious resurrection. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead* (1 Peter 1:3)." As we get closer to the cross, we echo that familiar phrase, "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!" Our hearts cry out, amazing love how can it be, that Jesus Christ would die for you and for me. We sing, we celebrate, and we worship. May God receive power, honor, and glory! Hallelujah, what a Savior! Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

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Why every day should be Palm Sunday

Jesus was all about giving. He gave of himself. He who was rich became poor that we might be rich. He gave until there was no more to give.

He was all about goodness. The essential goodness of Jesus, unparalleled by anyone before him or after him, testifies to the life to which we are called. When he saw the crowds as sheep not having a shepherd, he was moved with compassion - he became almost physically sick, so great was his love.

Let's honor Jesus with palm branches, but let's not make Palm Sunday one Sunday wonder. His grace, his giving and his goodness compel us to change our behavior, not just to praise him once a year.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Don Nestor
- 6 - Chad Smith, Shirley Thorne
- 7 - Amanda Norment,
- 10 - Nancy Moffett
- 11 - Jay Shingleton, Beulah Phillips
- 15 - Logan Leigh
- 29 - Max Grayson Simmons
- 30 - Andrew Daugherty

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Pastor Richard and Eloise McGuire

If you want to have your birthday or anniversary listed, please give your name and the dates to John Puffenbarger or Amanda Teodoro.

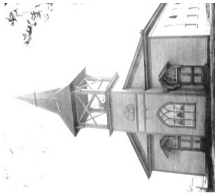


Don't Forget!

- [] **Wednesday, April 3 - 11:30 a. m.** - The Widows for Christ will meet at the 88 Restaurant.
- [] **Tuesday, April 9 - 10:30 a.m.** - ABW Ministries will meet at the church. Election of officers.
- [] **Tuesday, April 9 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** - The Community Outreach Dinner. The dinner is free and everyone is welcome. Desserts are always needed for the dinner.
- [] **Sunday, April 14 - 3:00 p. m.** - Join us for an Easter Event for families that is called "Rise Up".
--Kids and their families will experience the true joy and excitement of Easter as they make their way through super-fun stations.
--Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Please RSVP Amanda Teodoro at 304-993-0686 or ateodoro44@gmail.com.
- [] **7:00 p. m. - Thursday, April 18** - Maundy Thursday Service
- [] **Sunday, April 21** - Easter Sunrise Service
Easter Breakfast - after the Sunrise Service
9:30 a. m. Sunday school
10:45 a. m. Morning Worship
- [] **Monday, April 22 - 7:00 p .m.** - Church Council
- [] **Monday, April 29 - 7:00 p. m.** - Church Business Meeting.
- [] **Men's Fellowship Breakfasts** - To be announced.



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