

Pastoral Care Update March 29, 2023

Palm Sunday ~ April 2, 2023



Reflections on Palm Sunday



The people of Jerusalem cut palm branches, waved them in the air, and laid them on the ground before Jesus as he rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness & victory and it foreshadowed Christ's final victory over death.

"O death, where is your victory?" 1 Cor. 15:55

In those times, Kings rode grand horses into battle, but the donkey symbolized peaceful intentions. When Jesus arrived on a donkey, it showed he was the Prince of Peace. The people of Jerusalem were familiar with this Old Testament prophesy:

"Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey" Zech. 9:9

When the people shouted "Hosanna!", they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now". In their own minds, they waited for an earthly king to fight their battles of the moment, but God had a different plan far greater than they could ever conceive. This is the reason we celebrate! Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we are set free of death.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies." John 11:25

"Palm Sunday is like a glimpse of Easter. It's a little bit joyful after being somber during Lent." ~ Laura Gale

"Palm Sunday's thought: Life is full of ups and downs. Glorify God during the ups and fully trust in God during the downs." ~ Anonymous

MARCH MEMO



Happy 97th Birthday to Louise Gordon, born April 1, 1926
Louise is now a resident of Bay Haven Retirement Home

Our Daily Bread: If you would like a copy of the spring devotional, please let me know and I will deliver.

EASTER SERVICES:

Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday, 10 am
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday, 7 pm (Music/Drama/Communion)
Friday, April 7	Good Friday, 10 am (Stations of the Cross)
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday, 10 am

ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, April 16 : please mark your calendars for a "Moments of Celebration" worship service at 10am, followed by our Annual Meeting at 11 am.

Prayer Requests for:

- Mary Cameron, Tony Christie, Ray Conn, Marjorie Heggart, John Heron, Joe Tomilson
- Nelson Freethy in the passing of his sister, Helen Burgess
- those who are having regular cancer treatments
- those who are feeling old and without purpose
- those fleeing their countries because of persecution
- families finding it difficult to pay the rent and buy food
- in thankfulness for financial contributions to our Love Your Neighbour (LYN) grocery card and food pantry program

**"Ride on, ride on in majesty
Hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
With palms & scattered garments strewed"**

~ Hymn by Hart Milman, 1827

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Warm Welcome at Coffee Hour



Guests Leah Razo & Kari Loveless
-Razo greeted by Albert Gardiner



Sheila Johnstone greeting Lesleigh
Enderlein & her mother Barbara Bell



Bobbie & Doug Brown getting
caught up with Brian McMillan



Wayne & Anne Isaac from Ottawa
chatting with Frank Tilley

PEOPLE and PLACES



A bus ride with Rose Whipps showing her art (photo by Nan Saunders)



Member Jean Boettcher (in blue) & Louise Gordon (behind Jean) enjoying church service at Bay Haven



Thanks to Ron Monette & team for installing new kitchen stove



Judy & Fraser Main trying samples at a rum distillery in Puerto Rico

Sign Brings Smiles!

This sign is located at Indian Hills Community Center near Denver, Colorado. Six years ago on April Fool's Day, a volunteer posted the first joke. The messages became very popular in the community. A Facebook page was created which now has 26,000 Likes, and has fans from 45 different countries and in places as far as New Zealand. The same volunteer has been posting for 6 years, and he says "It makes me feel good if I can make a ton of people laugh."

