

2 April 2021

Dear Church family and friends,

I write on hump day of Holy week this Wednesday morning. Perhaps your mind, like mine, has begun to reflect deeply upon and prepare for the significant events to occur over the next few days. Your staff family has posted much time in prayer, conversation and planning for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and of course, our Easter Sunday celebration.

We hope you were able to join us on Maundy Thursday as we commemorated and shared the Lord's Supper together and with our first-time communicants. The Lord's Supper reminds us of Jesus' body broken and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins and provides food for our journey. We recounted the Old Testament Passover story from Exodus 12 and were encouraged to "pack light that we might move quickly" into the rest of our discipleship journey. Maundy Thursday set us up for our consideration of that which makes Good Friday-Good. Today, Good Friday, you can [view our streaming Tenebrae Service online](#) at your convenience. We have celebrated this service of "shadows" in the past, and the contrasts of light and dark punctuated with scripture brings to life the last hours of Jesus' life. Please view as you can.

At 5 PM on Friday join us for our prayer walk and Stations of the Cross on the church campus. You will have the opportunity to pause at each station and hear scripture narration of what happened to Jesus at that station. It will be a powerful time of experiential reflection. Don't forget, if you ordered meals, to pick up your fish fry to-go order prior to leaving the campus.

Easter Sunday, we will celebrate worship inside at both the 8:30 and 11 AM services. Overflow will be in the gym with tables set up for families to worship together if they so choose. Easter Sunday is a highlight of the Christian year and I'm sure you will want to join us for the resurrection of Jesus and our church into new mission and ministry for the New Year.

As a reminder, the church offices will be closed April 5-9, 2021. This will be a much-needed break for your church staff and I ask you to join me in prayer that this time would be a Sabbath of rest, renewal and fellowship with family. Each of the staff deserves the time off.

Please continue with us in prayer and expectation that God will be up to something powerful and transformational in our individual lives and our community of faith.

Grace and peace to you all—we are almost there!

Humbly, I remain,



Pastor Sam