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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Holy Week Opportunities



Palm Sunday Worship: *April 5 at 10:30 AM* (Facebook Live)

Children's Worship: *April 8 at 7 PM* (Zoom)

Maundy Thursday Sermon & Prayer: *April 9 at 7 PM* (Facebook Live)

Good Friday Sermon & Prayer: *April 10 at 7 PM* (Facebook Live)



Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9 (NRSV)

Message: *King Jesus*
Mark 11:1-11
Sunday, April 5, 2020
Rev. Jim Brookshire

Something to Think About:

Some call it Palm Sunday. For others, it's Passion Sunday. Either way, it marks the day Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem for the very last time. He would die later that week. His entry morphs into a very odd parade. His float is a donkey. Instead of confetti, people scatter cloaks and palm branches. And rather than cheer for local celebrities, the people are cheering for Jesus as if he's their new king. Maybe they're right...and yet, he'd be a King unlike any the world had ever seen. What kind of King is Jesus, and what does it take to follow? This odd parade, combined with the events that followed, provide lots of answers!





Study Guide: Bob Dylan wrote a song in 1979 entitled, “Gotta Serve Somebody”. What do you think he meant, and do you agree? Why or why not?

Many of us call Jesus our “Lord and Savior”. Have you ever considered the difference between “Lord” and “Savior”? Take a few minutes to reflect on the meaning and the difference between the two. Write down your ideas. How do you identify with Jesus as “Lord”? ...as “Savior”?

Notice Jesus’ instructions to his disciples when sending them to bring the donkey (Mark 11:2-3). Would you have found it easy to comply with Jesus’ request? Why or why not? Notice how the people responded (verses 4-6). Why do you think the people were so willing to let them take the donkey?

After Jesus turned the tables and drove the merchants from the temple courts (Mark 11:15-19), Mark says the religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus. Why would that be? Mark says it was Jesus’ amazing teachings. If Mark is right, why would they want to kill an amazing teacher?

Do you consider Jesus as “King” of your life? If so, what does that mean to you?





Prayer Requests

At Home:

Jimmie Foster
Jaime Garcia
Tommy Reep
Sue Van Vynckt

Health Care Facilities:

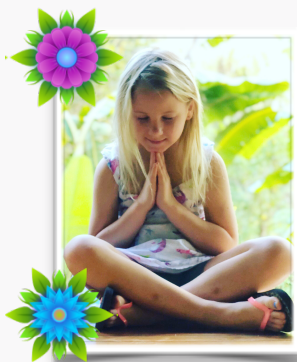
Lorraine Diaz
Asbury Rehabilitation Center
3800 Shamrock Drive
Charlotte, NC 28215

Ruby Gardiner
Healthcare Center at Brightmore
Room 311A
10011 Providence Road West
Charlotte, NC 28277

During this Stay-At-Home period,
you are encouraged to stay in touch
with these friends through notes and cards.

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

*I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for you
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.*

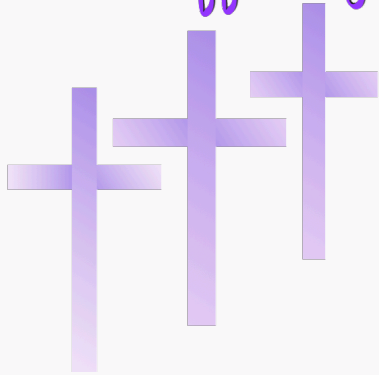


If you have a request or concern that you
would like us to add to our prayer list,
please send the request to:

prayerrequest@sedgefieldchurch.org



Tithes & Offerings



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mail: Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209

online: <https://sedgefieldcurch.org/onling-giving/>

Thanks to all who are maintaining their regular contributions to the church. We ask that everyone continue to participate in worship through giving by:

- ▶ Praying daily for our church...our worshipers, our ministries, our future
- ▶ Continuing to give on a regular basis (preferably weekly)
- ▶ Considering on-line giving

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I



tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she has to live on."

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

I Cannot Do This Alone

*O God, early in the morning I cry to you.
Help me to pray
And to concentrate my thoughts on you;
I cannot do this alone.
In me there is darkness,
But with you there is light;
I am lonely, but you do not leave me;
I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;
I am restless, but with you there is peace.
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;
I do not understand your ways,
But you know the way for me....
Restore me to liberty,
And enable me to live now
That I may answer before you and before men.
Lord whatever this day may bring,
Your name be praised.
Amen*

A Prayer by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Lenten Reflection

German pastor and theologian **Dietrich Bonhoeffer** unreservedly engaged the moral dilemmas faced by German citizens in the 1930s and paid for his beliefs and activism with his life when he was murdered in a concentration camp by the Nazi regime. Bonhoeffer was a fluent academic, attending Universities and Seminaries in Germany and America, and receiving his doctorate in theology from the University of Berlin. Besides a pastor and theologian, Bonhoeffer was also a spy, an anti-Nazi dissident, and a brilliant author. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential, and his book *The Cost of Discipleship* has become a modern classic.



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Announcements



- ▶ Sunday begins Holy Week and Pastor Jim has prepared additional worship experiences. Please pause and join him on Facebook Live to share in these special days leading us to Easter. (Note: You can view the services even if you do not have an individual Facebook account.)
- ▶ Church staff continue to work from their homes. Email and voice mail messages sent to the church office are being returned each weekday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- ▶ Issues of *The Epistle* can now be found on the church website in the Media section.



▶ Disciple Bible Study ◀

Tuesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m.

▶ Finance Committee Meeting ◀

Wednesday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m.

▶ Church Council Meeting ◀

Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.



Approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting, attendees are asked to join Zoom via a link sent by email. If you are not a member of either committee and would like to attend, please contact Pastor Jim or the church office.



Staying Connected Through Sharing

Pictures



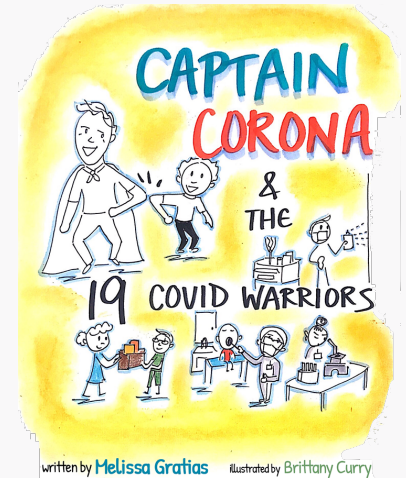
Perhaps during these Stay-at-Home days, you are finding new and creative activities for your children and family. Share your pictures and show us what your family is doing during this pandemic. Please email photos to: office@sedgefieldchurch.org.

Logan & Jessie Smith,
Knox and Violet
Recent Trip to Costa Rica



Free E-Book For Children

Amid this scary time of quarantines, social distancing, and spread of COVID-19, children (and adults) need to see the good things that are happening - and all of the helpers as well.



Join Captain Corona as he takes a group of children on an adventure through the community introducing them to a team of 19 brave warriors whose selfless efforts keep us alive. Captain Corona celebrates health care workers, custodians, journalists, store clerks, teachers, scientists, and more.

When we focus on the helpers, we may even decide to be better helpers ourselves. We are in this pandemic together. We are all COVID warriors.

www.melissagrattias.com

(Captain Corona was written by Dr. Melissa Gratias, graduate of Wake Forest University.)

To obtain Captain Corona go to www.melissagrattias.com/captaincorona/



Meet the Witnesses

Judas Iscariot

Matthew 26:1-16, 27:1-5
March 1, 2020

Mary and John

John 19:16-27
March 8, 2020

Two Thieves

Luke 23:32-43
March 15, 2020

Roman Soldiers

Mark 15:15-39
March 22, 2020

Doubting Thomas

John 20:19-31
March 29, 2020



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