

THE EPISTLE

April 10, 2020



FIND
HOPE
HERE

SEDGEFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Let's Stay Connected!

A photograph of three crosses in a field under a colorful, hazy sky. The sky transitions from purple and pink at the top to orange and yellow at the bottom. The crosses are silhouetted against the bright background.

CHRIST IS *Risen!*

HE IS RISEN INDEED!



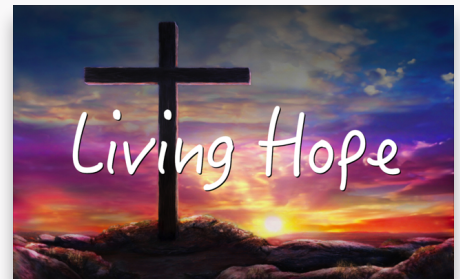
The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.”

Matthew 28:5-6a (NIV)

Message: *Living Hope*
John 20:1-8 and I Peter 1:3-4
Sunday, April 12, 2020
Rev. Jim Brookshire

Something to Think About:

Early on that first Easter Sunday morning, two of Jesus’ closest friends—John and Peter—were awakened by someone banging at their door. It was Mary Magdalene, and she was a wreck! She was out of breath, perhaps sobbing uncontrollably. The reason? She’d been to Jesus’ tomb early that morning, and the body was gone! Her conclusion? It’s the very same one that you and I would draw. The body had been stolen! After all, since the beginning of time, all deceased persons have one thing in common—they stay that way. But John, Peter and Mary Magdalene would soon discover something that would change the world forever. Jesus was alive!





Study Guide: What was Easter like when you were a child? Was it a day you looked forward to? Why or why not?

Describe the last time you saw something that you just could not explain.

The Gospels are generally thought to describe the 1) life, 2) death and 3) resurrection of Jesus. Which of these three is the most important to your faith...and why?

Even though Jesus had predicted his own death and resurrection, everyone—even his closest followers—was surprised by both. Why do you think that was?

Do you believe in Jesus' resurrection? If so, why...and if not, why not?

Bonus question: If you believe in the resurrection, cite a reason for your belief other than “because the Bible says so.”



Prayer Requests

At Home:

Jimmie Foster
Jaime Garcia
Tommy Reep
Sue Van Vynckt

Health Care Facilities:

Lorraine Diaz
3211 Bishop Way Lane - Room 317
Charlotte, NC 28215

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

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

LET US THEN **APPROACH**
GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE
WITH CONFIDENCE,
SO THAT WE MAY
RECEIVE *mercy* AND
FIND *grace* TO
HELP US IN OUR
time of need.

HEBREWS 4:16 (NIV)

Tithes & Offerings



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Thank you for your financial support as we continue to find ways to be the church in this very unusual time. We ask that you:

- ▶ Pray daily for our church... our worshipers, our ministries, our future
- ▶ Continue to be generous with the church
- ▶ Consider on-line giving. It's easy and safe!

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. You will be enriched in every way so that you be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 11 (NIV)

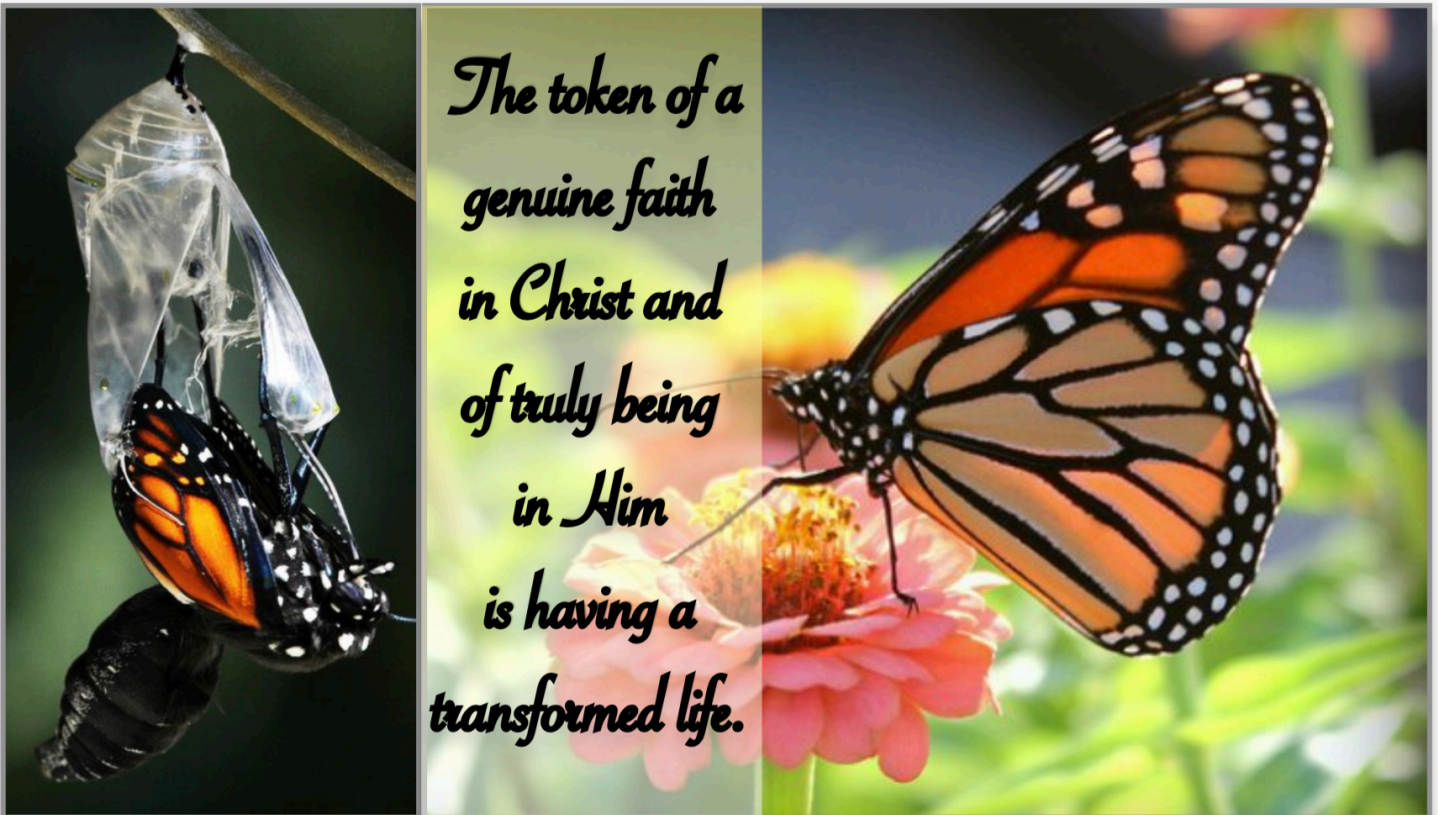


Easter Reflections

Draw Us Forth

Draw us forth, God of all creation.
Draw us forward and away from limited certainty
into the immense world of your love.
Give us the capacity to, even for a moment,
taste the richness of the feast you give us.
Give us the peace to live with uncertainty,
with questions,
with doubts.
Help us to experience the resurrection anew
with open wonder and an increasing ability
to see you in the people of Easter.

~Author Unknown



*The token of a
genuine faith
in Christ and
of truly being
in Him
is having a
transformed life.*



Announcements

► If your Sunday School class or small group would like to meet via Zoom, please email or call the church office at 704-523-0077 (office@sedgefieldchurch.org).



► Disciple Bible Study ◀

Tuesday, April 14
5:30 p.m.

► Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting ◀

Tuesday, April 14
6:30 p.m.

► Church Council Meeting ◀

Thursday, April 16
6:30 p.m.

Links to Zoom meetings are emailed in advance of the meeting time. If you are interested in attending a meeting and have not received an email with the Zoom link, please contact Pastor Jim or the church office.



Palm Sunday Worship

To view videos, visit: www.facebook.com/pg/SedgefieldChurchCLT/videos/



Message

Mark 11:1-11
Rev. Jim Brookshire



Music

Seth, Deb & Ron Aldridge

Sunday services and other special events can be seen live on Facebook. Videos are also available if you miss the live broadcast.

All are invited to join us. We look forward to seeing you virtually.

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