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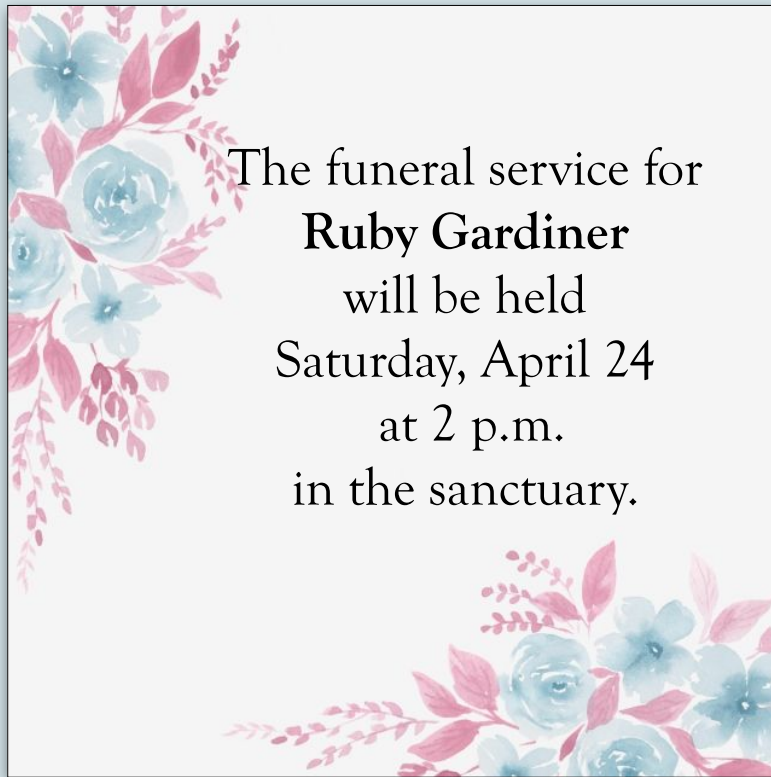
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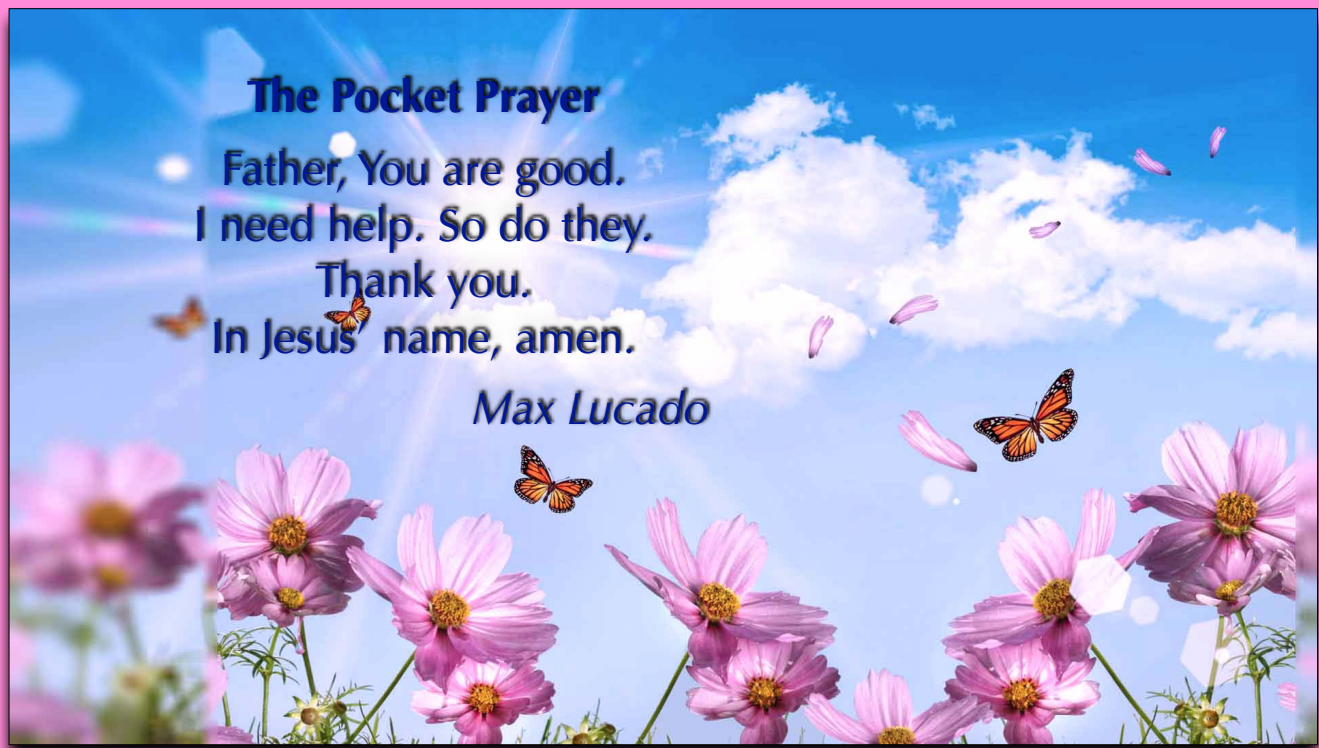
***Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor***

**THE EPISTLE**

April 23, 2021



The funeral service for  
**Ruby Gardiner**  
will be held  
Saturday, April 24  
at 2 p.m.  
in the sanctuary.



**The Pocket Prayer**

Father, You are good.  
I need help. So do they.  
Thank you.  
In Jesus' name, amen.

*Max Lucado*

**Remember In Prayer**

Jaime Garcia • Tommy Reep • Sue Van Vynckt

# This Week in Worship

## In Person or Online

Sunday, April 25, 2021  
10:30 a.m.



### Pre-Service Music

*Ms. Lynn Hager*

10:25 a.m.

### Message

*God and Human Suffering*

Genesis 1-3

(selected verses)

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### A Word From Pastor Jim



Among the most troubling questions in all of Christendom are these: If God is all-loving and all-powerful, why does He allow human beings to suffer? Does God control all events—good and bad—for a higher purpose? Does everything really happen for a reason? In the face of unexpected tragedy, the way you answer these questions could make all the difference in the world for you or for someone you love.

~Pastor Jim

## Weekly Study Guide

When you hear (or say) the words, “God is in control”, what does that mean? Do you agree? Why or why not?

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Have you ever tried to comfort someone by saying, “Everything happens for a reason”? If so (or even if not), what does that mean?

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Consider one recent tragedy in your life or in the world around you. What or who caused it? What role (if any) did God play?

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Read [Genesis 1:26-31](#). Do you read and accept these words literally or metaphorically... and why?

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In [verse 28](#), God gives human beings “dominion” (or tells us to “rule over” creation... depending upon your translation). What does that mean?

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Read [Genesis 3:1-6](#). Notice (and record) where you see evidence of God’s gift of free will. How did the first human beings exercise this gift?

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What role does free will play in human suffering?

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If asked, how would you explain the cause of natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and tornadoes?

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What is God's role in human suffering?

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**Daily Prayer:** God, help me see You, not as the source of human suffering, but as the source of hope and redemption in the midst of our suffering. Amen.

COMING  
SOON



VBS REGISTRATION

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Adults meet for Sunday School  
in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m.  
Everyone welcome!**



**Children ages 4 and up  
are invited to attend  
JAM Sunday morning at 10:30!  
Education Building - Room 202**

## Link to Current Sermon Series

# Think About It

### *Science and Faith*

Genesis 1:1-2:24

April 18, 2021



Previous services can be viewed at  
[www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/](http://www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/)

## Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers have been given in honor of *Kelli O'Neil* who will celebrate her birthday on Sunday, April 25. Kelli is the fiancé of Johnny Horn.




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If you would like to honor someone by donating flowers, please contact Clara Hedberg (704-375-9588) or the church office by phone (704-523-0077) or by email ([office@sedgefieldchurch.org](mailto:office@sedgefieldchurch.org)). The cost of the flowers is \$40.

## Recycle Pull Tabs

Pull tabs can be left at 2830 Sunset Drive. The recycled tabs support the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte. In March 7.7 pounds of tabs were recycled.




**Virtual meetings are indicated with this symbol  and are held via Zoom.**

**To join a Zoom meeting by phone, call 1-312-626-6799.**

**To connect by computer, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or click on the link below.**


### ▶ Church Council Meeting ◀

 Wednesday, April 28

7:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 896 7766 3153

### ▶ Board of Trustees Meeting ◀

 Thursday, May 6

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 885 9129 8578





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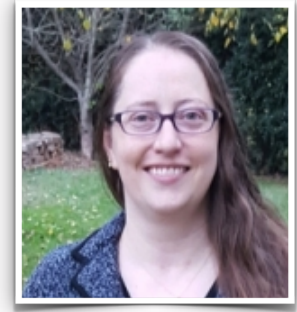
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