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Revelation Weekly

From Pastor Jane:

From Pastor Jane: God is the Strength of My Heart

It's almost time to unbury the Alleluia, to end our time of lament and self-denial and pick up the song of praise, thanksgiving and giving glory to God. On Easter morning, we wake up to the reality that Jesus didn't stay in the grave: He's alive! That's a hard turn right now when we are all missing our families, we've lost our jobs, we're not sure if we will be able to pay our bills and worst of all we don't know if we will be sick or well. With so much uncertainty, it's difficult to praise God. Scriptures give us so much hope! The choice we must make is to believe the Bible says and put our hope in God. "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26 No matter what happens, we place our trust in God's goodness and mercy toward us. That's good news for today.

Friday news: The Scripture reading from the Lectionary for 4/12/20 Easter Day: Acts 10:34-43 or *Jeremiah 31:1-6*, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18.

We will celebrate Holy Communion Online during Worship this Sunday. Please make sure to have some juice and bread/crackers nearby as you come together so that you can participate. Make sure that you eat all of the bread and juice that is blessed during this service. Our Bishop Tracy Malone has given us permission to enjoy this wonderful Sacrament that binds us together as one people of God with God in the Holy Spirit, and these circumstances will not keep us from enjoying His mercies in this way.

Our service for Good Friday, 4/10/20 will be live on Facebook at 7:00 PM and then on our YouTube Channel later. Sunday, 4/12/20 our service will be posted on our YouTube channel at 10:30 AM Sunday morning and a link will be posted on Facebook afterwards. Here's a link to our YouTube channel (please subscribe – it will help us get more tools to manage our channel.) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEnqBSWTN0ovtp4X1CTu6w>.



KID'S CORNER

- Attached to this email is kid's activities and program for this week.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

- Acts 10:34-43
- Jeremiah 31:1-6
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Colossians 3:1-4
- John 20:1-18

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WEEKLY MESSAGE AVAILABLE AT

[Www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEnqBSWTN0ovtp4X1CTu6w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEnqBSWTN0ovtp4X1CTu6w)

Sundays, 10:30AM

Tentative Schedule for the week online will be:

Friday: Live Facebook Good Friday Service to be posted on YouTube afterwards

Sunday: Resurrection Celebration on YouTube at 10:30 AM

Hundreds of Face masks have been made by our Face-mask Brigade and have benefited hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, dialysis units and law enforcement. When the masks are given out we include a note of encouragement and a prayer. We continue to put together face masks. If you'd like to be a part of that work, just text or email Pastor Jane and we will give you the pattern and the material. We've been dropping supplies off on porches and picking up completed masks so that everyone is keeping safe distances. There is a great need for this extra measure of comfort during these uncertain times. If you'd like to donate for masks, just go to our website and give online: <http://www.sharoncenterumc.org/giving/>.

We will begin thinking about collecting items for flood buckets and other UMCOR kits in the coming weeks. More information will be coming out as we move forward.

We will start a new Bible Study using Zoom on Tuesdays beginning this Tuesday, 4/14/2020 at 7:00 PM. We will be studying what it means to be "counterculture" using David Platt's book "A Compassionate Call to Counterculture". You don't need a book, but you do need access to the internet. I hope you'll join us! You can stay in the comfort of your home and still be connected to your faith family! Let Nikki or Pastor Jane know, and we'll send you a link. The study lasts six weeks on Tuesday evenings.

If you would like to talk with Pastor Jane via our Zoom technology (or phone, or other technology), just message us and we will set it up. It doesn't cost anything and is germ-free! Reach out to others using technology to lift each other up, encourage one another that we will again meet together and praise the Lord in one voice.

That's all the news we have today. We are going week-to-week and will keep you all informed. God bless and keep you 'til we meet again! "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6: 24-26

Pastor Jane