



RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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In just over a month we will once again proclaim these words:

“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” on Easter morning.

As we once again begin our travel through the season of Lent we will soon visit the upper room on Maundy Thursday where Jesus served the bread and wine to his disciples proclaiming the powerful and still effective words from Matthew 26:26-28

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Next we will travel to the foot of the cross on Good Friday and hear our Lord utter this lonely cry as recorded in Mark 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Shortly following that statement we will hear Him for the final time before he expires, saying this - John 19:30 - When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

We will then make our way down to a tomb and hear about a group of women who visited this tomb on the first day of the week and amazingly found it empty followed by a special message delivered to them by angels- Luke 24:6

He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee.

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The Lenten season and Holy Week remind us that Easter is far more than one special Sunday every spring, for believers it's an "every Sunday" celebration, where we gather together and are blessed by the fruits of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ- the forgiveness of our sins and the absolute assurance of eternal life with Him.

Easter is also an "every single day" celebration in which by God's grace we live our lives trusting in His mercies knowing this: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.... John 11:25

God grant us the faith to live courageously with these truths from your word and the faithful, unwavering, dedication of Your Son. Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

God's Peace,
Pastor Ray

PRAYER REQUESTS

All of those sick or unwell
For marriages and families
Weekend youth camp

He is like a tree
planted by water.

Jeremiah 17:8

LOOKING AHEAD

March 12th - Meal following service
April 7th - Good Friday service @ 7pm
April 9th - Easter Service with meal following

Board meeting - 1st Tuesday of each month

Youth group every Wed. @ 7pm
(March 8th - youth group is cancelled)

Bible Study - every Thursday @ 7pm

Vacation Bible School will be
July 26th, 27th & 28th

Registration information
will be posted on the website soon.
Please contact DaNita if you are willing to help at VBS
this year. We need as many volunteers as possible.