

THE PIPER



APRIL 4, 2021

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Christ  
is  
Risen!

Happy Easter

**EASTER SERVICES w/Communion**

Outdoor Easter Worship Services

**Saturday, April 3rd at 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 4th at 9:00 am and 10:30 am**

All services will be outside, weather permitting. In the event of threatening weather, an email will be sent out 1 hour prior to the service.

Please bring your lawn chair and face mask.

**We do plan to be singing so, please space yourselves so you are at a comfortable social distance.**

The church will not be open, so there will once again be a portable toilet outside behind the shed for everyone's convenience.



**EASTER FLOWERS**

Lilies, Hyacinths and Tulips were ordered for our Sunday, April 4th Easter Service. If you would like to take a flower home after the 10:30 am Outside Service, please feel free to do so.

**TRINITY EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4**

**EASTER**

9:00 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion

10:30 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin

Recorded & Emailed

**MONDAY, APRIL 5**

7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6**

5:30 pm Executive Team Zoom

5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Soup Pickup

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8**

10:00 am Zoom Bible Study

5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10**

10:00 am Outdoor Zumba

5:00 pm Outdoor Worship Service  
w/Communion

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11**

9:00 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion

10:30 am Outdoor Worship w/Communion

YouTube Worship Service w/Bulletin

Recorded & Emailed

11:00 am Deeper Waters Zoom

**READINGS**

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

**PRAYER LIST**

**TLC DISCIPLES**

Jerry Wion, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel, Linda Leslie, Jim Knapp, Fryer family

**TLC FRIENDS**

Sandy Conard, Mike, Jayne, Alan, Steve, Jeff, Rita Shetler



Wednesday, April 7th Soups for pickup between 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Seafood Cioppino (GF/DF)

Cheesy Ham Chowder

Lentil & Chicken Sausage Stew (DF/GF)

(DF - Dairy Free/GF - Gluten Free)

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES w/Communion

We will continue to have Outdoor Worship Service each week as weather permits.

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am and 10:30 am (Hymns will be sung)

If the weather looks threatening, and the outdoor service cannot be held, an email will go out to everyone at least 1 hour before the service start time.

Please also remember to wear a mask and bring a lawn chair.

Social distance as you feel comfortable, as there will be singing during the Sunday Services.



Melissa, Rob & Parker Phillips welcomed a new addition to their family on Tuesday, March 2nd.

Sawyer Korben Phillips was born weighing 7 lbx 2 ozs. And measuring 21.5 inches long. Momma and baby are doing fine. Big brother, Parker, adores his little brother as can be seen in the photo of him holding Sawyer.



# From the Pastor's Desk

April 3-4, 2021

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Dear Beloved of God,

Not everyone understands or appreciates the Resurrection the same way. For many, Easter is just another day, the start of Spring, perhaps, but nothing special. We gather this weekend IN-PERSON (Yeah!) to celebrate the complete change the Resurrection of Our Lord means for the entire world – believer and unbelievers alike. Like art forms such as poetry, not everyone interprets these events we celebrate as we do. For example:

“The Flower” is a little gem of a poem from Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-92), who remains the longest-serving UK Poet Laureate (from 1850 until his death in 1892). During the six decades of his career as a poet, Tennyson had to endure criticism as well as enjoy praise and awards, and ‘The Flower’ seems to address the less pleasing side of being a public poet.

Once in a golden hour  
I cast to earth a seed.  
Up there came a flower,  
The people said, a weed.

To and fro they went  
Thro’ my garden-bower,  
And muttering discontent  
Curs’d me and my flower.

Then it grew so tall  
It wore a crown of light,  
But thieves from o’er the wall  
Stole the seed by night.

Sow’d it far and wide  
By every town and tower,  
Till all the people cried,  
“Splendid is he flower.”

Read my little fable:  
He that runs may read.  
Most can raise the flowers now,  
For all have got the seed.

And some are pretty enough,  
And some are poor indeed;  
And now again the people  
Call it but a weed.

The link between poetry and flowers – between poesy and posies, we might say – is an old one, as the origin of the word ‘anthology’, for a collection of poems by different writers, testifies (the word means ‘a collection of flowers’). In ‘The Flower’, Tennyson uses the metaphor of planting a seed and nurturing it so that it grows into a flower for the act of creating poetry.

<https://interestingliterature.com/2018/09/a-short-analysis-of-tennysons-the-flower/>

Like Tennyson’s poem, the message and impact of Easter has spread throughout the world. From that first Easter Day when the women found the tomb to be empty, the angel announced the unbelievable news that, Jesus of Nazareth, the one who died now lives again, with death behind him. Of course, it is now believable because God has also poured out the Holy Spirit to all who believe!

Regardless of what others might say about Easter, we gather to celebrate the significance of this day with the pronouncement and reply:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May God’s richest Resurrection blessings be yours in abundance and for all those who are dear to you!

With the love of the Risen Christ,



Pastor Ron



# From the Bishop's Office



In the beginning, God created our first parents to live in the Garden of Eden. They knew God, walked with God, and there was no death. They were granted life in perfect communion with the Lord who created both heaven and earth as well as themselves. But by the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the Bible-Adam and Eve broke the one command that God gave them for their safety; this meant a broken covenant and relationship with God. Sin entered into the world because humans did things their own way, rather than listen to the direction and loving care of their heavenly Father.

The good news is that even though our first parents left the garden, God never left them. The entire story of the rest of Holy Scripture is that of God calling us back to life with God. God is continuously calling all people back to God's eternal life and turning us from sin and our own destruction.

God was so committed to this work of reclaiming leaders like Moses, and David, he sent prophets like Isaiah and Elijah. All of them consistently telling them and us to turn from our evil ways and to follow the path that God has called us to. Frequently, neither they nor we listen.

If we search Holy Scripture we see that God is much more patient than any of us would ever be. Again and again God keeps sending God's Word and messengers to call people out of darkness and into the eternal light.

Eventually, after thousands of years of calling to us, God did an amazing and unexpected thing. The eternal God took on a human body and came to live with us: Jesus. He is the living God who came into our existence to save us from our sin and our own self-destructive behavior.

God did this in Jesus Christ because God loves us. Jesus loves us. We matter, and are personally known, by the Lord who holds all eternity. You are loved more than you can ever know; loved by the creator and the source of all things.

We see that love poured out for us in the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ-- Jesus became flesh to save us. He gave up his body and his blood on the cross. On the cross we see that Jesus Christ loves us so much that he would die for us.

And then, when it looked like sin and death had won, Jesus rose from the dead-- showing us he is more powerful than death. Death cannot hold the one who is the source of all life. This same Jesus has claimed us in the waters of baptism, promises to be with us until the end of the age, and says he will not lose any of us who have been entrusted to his hand.

The one who is more powerful than death is the one who has you and has claimed you. God's answer to the original sin of our first parents was to come to save us from sin, death, and from ourselves.

The Risen Lord Jesus Christ shows us the power and love of God. The power to re-write the rules of reality and make death subject to his will. We see the love of God who stops at nothing to call us back and set us on the right path.

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! I pray that you are fully aware of the blessed presence of our Lord Jesus as we celebrate his resurrection and his victory over sin, death, and the devil. Happy Easter!

+Bishop Michael Rhyne  
Easter 2021