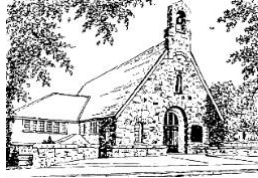


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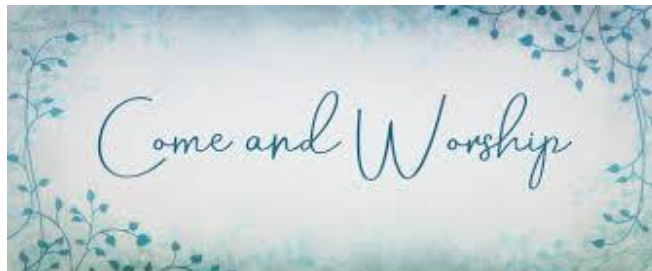
PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Beloved of God

Spring has sprung, and Easter has come and... not gone. I trust you know that. From that very first Easter morn when the women went to the tomb and found it empty, things have not been the same. He is risen! "O Death where is thy victory? O Death, where is thy sting" (1 Corinthians 15:55). We're assured in God's act of raising Jesus from the dead that nothing (and I mean nothing!) can separate us (that's you and me) from the love of God! Freed from the fear of death and meaningless life we are freed to live, and to love, and to live love. We are all now, in the words of that Avery and Marsh hymn, Easter people!

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day the past is over and gone!
Goodbye guilt goodbye fear, good riddance! Hello Lord, Hello sun!
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun.
Daily news is so bad it seems the Good News seldom gets heard.
Get it straight from the Easter People: God's in charge! Spread the word!
Yesterday I was bored and lonely; but today look and see!
I belong to the Easter People! Life's exciting to me!
EVERY MORNING IS EASTER MORNING! BELIEVE IT! LIVE IT!

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



Weekly Lectionary for April 2023

Lent Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Liturgy of the Palms April 2, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Lent		<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</u>	<u>Matthew 21:1-11</u>	
Liturgy of the Passion April 2, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Lent	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalm 31:9-16</u>	<u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>	<u>Matthew 26:14-27:66</u> or <u>Matthew 27:11-54</u>
Monday of Holy Week April 3, 2023	<u>Isaiah 42:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 36:5-11</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:11-15</u>	<u>John 12:1-11</u>
Tuesday of Holy Week April 4, 2023	<u>Isaiah 49:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 71:1-14</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</u>	<u>John 12:20-36</u>
Wednesday of Holy Week April 5, 2023	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalm 70</u>	<u>Hebrews 12:1-3</u>	<u>John 13:21-32</u>
Maundy Thursday April 6, 2023 Holy Thursday	<u>Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14</u>	<u>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</u>	<u>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</u>
Good Friday April 7, 2023	<u>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</u>	<u>Psalm 22</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:16-25</u> or <u>Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9</u>	<u>John 18:1-19:42</u>
Resurrection of the Lord April 9, 2023 Easter Day	<u>Acts 10:34-43</u> or <u>Jeremiah 31:1-6</u>	<u>Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16</u>	<u>1 Peter 4:1-8</u>	<u>Matthew 27:57-66</u> or <u>John 19:38-42</u>
Second Sunday of Easter April 16, 2023	<u>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</u>	<u>Psalm 16</u>	<u>1 Peter 1:3-9</u>	<u>John 20:19-31</u>
Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023	<u>Acts 2:14a, 36-41</u>	<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</u>	<u>Colossians 3:1-4</u> or <u>Acts 10:34-43</u>	<u>John 20:1-18</u> or <u>Matthew 28:1-10</u>
Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023	<u>Acts 2:42-47</u>	<u>Psalm 114</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 5:6b-8</u>	<u>Luke 24:13-49</u>

SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB

FLOWER ARRANGING



The Seaside Social Club is pleased to present Scott Quint as our guest speaker on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Avenue, Quincy. Scott is the owner of Quint's House of Flowers at 761 Southern Artery, Quincy, which has been family owned through multiple generations since 1919. Scott will demonstrate flower arrangements suitable for us to enjoy the beauty of the spring and summer bouquets and cuttings that will be coming soon to our gardens. The finished arrangements will be raffled at the conclusion of the program. The program is free and open to the public.

The club membership will meet at 6:30 to conduct the monthly business meeting and the election of officers for the coming year.

**HOUGHS NECK HISTORICAL SERIES
SPONSORED BY THE SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB**

THE LITTLEFIELD FARM

As part of the free Houghs Neck History Series, Patti Williams will present “The Littlefield Farm” on Tuesday, April 25, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Ave, Quincy.

From 1858 to 1889, the Littlefield brothers owned the 58-acre Littlefield farm, purchased for \$5,000, one of largest operating farms in Houghs Neck at that time. Where was it? How did it make money? Animals? Crops? Based on a wonderful cache of primary documents learn how the farm operated. The farm, owned by brothers George and Rufus Littlefield, had a wholesale and retail milk business and also for 20 years supplied the local Houghs Neck summer community with milk, eggs, and vegetables. In 1870, the northern 20 acres of the farm became the first residential development in Houghs Neck (today’s Bay View Ave). A majority of the talk is based on primary documents including deeds and 15 years of personal records kept by Rufus Littlefield.

As a special treat during this talk will be a Farm Stand, provisioned by the ladies of the Seaside Social Club of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church. Based on the groceries bought by the Littlefield family, you can expect to find breads, pies, cookies, jellies and more available for purchase.

The final two talks in the series are The Hotels of Houghs Neck (May 18) and Building the High-Level Sewer Line (June 1).



SPIRITUAL MESSAGES

God Is Faithful

Scripture: Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. -Lamentations 3:22-23

Quote: He’s been faithful to me, looking back, His love and mercy I see. -Carol Cymbala

From Empty to Full

Scripture: But if the Spirit Of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. -Romans 8:11

Quote: We will never crave to be filled until we are convinced that we are empty. -John Blanchard

He Sees Everything

Scripture: I acknowledge my sin to You, and my inquiry I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. -Psalm. 32:5

Quote: We are not finished with the need of forgiveness when we become Christians. -G. B. Duncan

The Emmaus Road

Scripture: And they said to one and another, “Did not your heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” -Luke 24:32

Quote: (Christ) is figured in the law, foretold in the prophets, and fulfilled in the gospel. -Henry Smith

The Apostles

Scripture: Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.

-Matthew 28:19-20

Quote: The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.

-Henry Martyn

**HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!!**

**WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY WITH A SMILE, A CALL
OR A CARD TO OUR MARCH BIRTHDAY FOLKS!**

Kevin Die
Abigail Little
Janet Little
Nancy Young Worthington
Stephen Vandergrift
Judy Murphy Hall
Joan Trubiano Howard
Peter Grillo

Jeff Craig
Rose Costas
George 'Chip' Schaefer
Luke Rheault
Ruth Gamble
Trevor Hall
Derek Little
Donna Shaw Keenan

Jimmy Rheault
Janet Lemieux
Jake Gordon
Joseph Carr
Laura Butruccio
John Grill
Gloria Brummitt

NOTES FROM NEAR AND FAR

I plan to spend most of April in Texas visiting family. May you and the congregation celebrate a blessed Easter. As always worship via Zoom is so uplifting. I look forward to it every Sunday.

Gratefully, **-Rose Costas – Milton, MA**