

WILDERNESS WORDS

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This Sunday:

Leading: Lee S.
Preaching: Carol M.
Presiding: Carolyn S.

Readings this week:

Easter Sunday

First Reading:
 Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm:
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Epistle:
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
Gospel:
 John 20:1-18 or [Luke 24:1-12](#)

(Click on citation to go directly to the reading.)

Reflections:

by Milan Schmidt

Easter Reflection

He is risen, He is risen, let the whole wide earth rejoice!

There is no doubt that the death and resurrection of Jesus is central to who we are as Christians. I experience our community at SOTW as an "Easter Community".

Christ's death and resurrection is not a "how did He escape that?" reprieve allowing us to go on with another season of whatever drama we happen to be watching. As a physician it's tempting to view resurrection as some sort of resuscitation, as with Lazarus. But no, this resurrected body is something completely different. It is real, physical and touchable, wounded, yet seems to be able to materialize in the middle of a room. Something very different is going on here!

Jesus' resurrection points to something more than we have known. Death is not the end. In our society where we fight death as an enemy, spending huge amounts of our financial and emotional capital in the last year of life, we need to hear this. Some denominations focus on Jesus dying for our sins as the Good News, but as a society we really seem to worry little about sin. I think for our society, the Good News is that there is something beyond death that is real and tangible.

We are very members incorporate in the body of Christ. As members of that body, we share in the resurrection. Not just after death: we are Christ's body in this world at this time. We need not worry about physical death; we will continue to be part of the mystical body of Christ. We can embrace the joy of being here now AND relax about dying. Though we cannot fully understand it, we are part of this joyful mystery. We need not worry; there is more Good News in store for us.

Alleluia Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!



*Inviting Mystery, Embracing
 Compassion, Encountering Christ.*

NOTE: During Mary Ellen's sabbatical leave Carolyn has graciously agreed to be contacted as needed.

Save these Dates

Thursday, March 24th: Seder @ Howard & Bonnie Hedstroms' home. Hillary is facilitator. See Notes!

Friday, March 25th: Good Friday Service @ Carolyn and Milan Schmidt's house Croftville road at noon.

Sunday, April 3rd: Forum after Church by Inger Andress. Discussion of sexual predation by older men in Cook County.

Notes:

1.) Seder Details, Thursday, March 24:

If you are planning to join us for the Seder meal on Thursday, March 24th at 5:00 at Howard and Bonnie Gays' we need to know! We can make sure we have enough food for one and all. If you can come let me know how many people and what you are bringing. We need: desserts, appetizers, salads and wine. At this point we have 17 folks. Please e-mail me at LSGADS15@gmail.com **Hillary Freeman**

2.) Easter Flowers:

If you have some flowers (cut or potted) that you would like to bring to brighten up our sanctuary to its Easter best, please do. Come a few minutes early so they can be placed. Then take them home for further enjoyment.

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Mary Ellen and old friend (The Rev.) Claire Nye Hunter at the Grahamstown Cathedral, Palm Sunday. MEA Preached that day.