



**APRIL 2022**



# **THE TRYLON**

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## **Holy Week Observances**

### **Palm Sunday, April 10**

**9:30 a.m.** – Worship in the Sanctuary.

**Holy Wednesday, April 13 - 6:00 p.m.** – Pastor Sharon and Lay Leader Jill Schofield are leading a group walk through the Stations of the Cross at Mater Dolorosa. or an offering envelope and put it in the offering plate.

**MEET AT 5:45** in our Parking Lot to carpool to Mater Dolorosa.

### **Holy Thursday, April 14 – 6:00 p.m.** –

we will meet to honor Jesus' last meal with his disciples and friends. Celebrate a Seder (Passover) meal and Service with us in Hartzell Hall.

**Good Friday, April 15** – observe at a community function, or with personal devotions.

### **Easter Sunday, April 17**

**9:30 a.m.** – Worship in the Sanctuary.

***Don't forget to bring flowers for our flower cross!***



*Photo – our 2017 cross!*

## from Pastor Sharon

*Dear church family,*

In April we continue in our Lenten journey with Jesus.

We follow him in his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he is met with singing and palm branches. We share in his Last Supper with disciples and friends on Holy Thursday. We remember, on Good Friday, all that Jesus suffered for our sake on the cross.

In the earliest descriptions of Holy Week there are no public observances for Holy Saturday. It is understood to be a private day of personal prayer and reflection. In the eighth century it becomes a part of the Easter Vigil liturgies practiced by Roman Catholics and later by Anglicans/Episcopalians.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Gregory of Nyssa wrote of Holy Saturday:

*“Behold the blessed Sabbath of the first creation of the world, and in that Sabbath recognize this Sabbath...on this day the only-begotten God truly rested from all his works, keeping Sabbath in the flesh by means of his death.”*

In this view, Jesus rests in the grave, keeping a Sabbath similar to the first Sabbath of God:

*“So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation” (Gen. 2:3).*

Amphilochius of Iconium, also of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, had a different interpretation. He wrote:

*“Today we celebrate the feast of our Savior’s burial...[for Christ, who is] with the dead below, is loosing the bonds of death and filling Hades with light and awakening the sleepers while we, upon earth, have the resurrection in mind and rejoice.”*

In this perspective, Jesus frees souls from bondage in hell, through the power of His resurrection.

*“Taken together, these two interpretations reflect the complex emotions often felt at Holy Saturday liturgies – feelings of longing and grief, on one hand, and of expectation and joy, on the other.”*

*-- William Joseph Danaher, Jr.*

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If you plan to keep a personal or family observance of Holy Saturday, I offer the following resources for your time of prayer:

1. Scriptures for Holy Saturday: Job 14:1-14; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Mt. 27:57-66; Ps. 31:1-4, 15-16
2. In her 3-book series, The Divine Hours, published in 2001, Phyllis Tickle created “the best book for people who want to work prayer into the fabric of their daily life,” says one commentator. The books provide daily resources for a pattern of prayer at morning, midday, and evening (vespers). The midday prayer on Holy Saturday expresses perfectly the in-between place in which we find ourselves on that day. It is a day of expectant waiting, between Good Friday and Easter:

*O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so I may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Holy Saturday carries some powerful symbolism for our lives. Waiting with Christ for “the coming of the third day.” Waiting to “rise with him to newness of life.” Sometimes we can feel like we, ourselves, are “in the tomb.” Whether we are in need of Sabbath rest, as Gregory of Nyssa suggests; or desperate to be freed from bondage, as Amphilochius writes – either way, Holy Saturday can be a helpful remembrance in difficult times.

Jesus is with us when we have reached the end of our strength and stamina; when we have no more creative resources to give. Jesus is with us when we are sinking under the weight of sin or grief or the threat of death.

On the “third day” we discover the empty tomb...

Easter Sunday arrives. We celebrate, with deep joy, the Resurrection.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

*Yours in Him,*

*Pastor Sharon*

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### **April Lectionary Readings:**

April 3	Isa. 43: 16-21; Phil. 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8
April 10	Luke 19: 28-40 (Palm); Isa. 50: 4-9a; Phil. 2: 5-11; Luke 22: 14 – 15: 26; Luke 23: 1-49 (Passion)
April 14	Exod. 12: 1-4, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-17
April 15	Isa. 52: 13 – 53: 12; Heb. 10: 16-25; John 18: 1 – 19: 42
April 17	Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Cor. 15: 19-26; John 20: 1-18
April 24	Acts 5: 27-32; Rev. 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-31

### **Weekly Psalms for April:**

April 3	Psalm 126
April 10	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (Palm) Psalm 31: 9-16 (Passion)
April 14	Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
April 15	Psalm 22
April 17	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
April 24	Psalm 150

### **Pastor Sharon's sermon titles and worship themes for April**

*(9:30 a. m. Sunday unless otherwise indicated)*

<b>April 3</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> Communion Sunday
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Palm / Passion Sunday</b> <i>"What Jesus Did"</i>
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Holy Wednesday – 6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Group walk through Stations of the Cross at Mater Dolorosa, led by Pastor Sharon and Jill Schofield</i>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Holy Thursday – 6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Seder (Passover) Meal and Service</i>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> <i>We are invited to attend community services in the area or honor Christ's sacrifice for us with personal and family devotions.</i>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <i>"Turn and See"</i>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> Jo Ann Williams – Guest Preacher <i>"No Doubt About It"</i>

## BIBLE STUDY

**Bible Study** at the parsonage meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm.

<b>April 5 &amp; 6</b>	Bonhoeffer <i>Lenten study, final session</i>
<b>12 &amp; 13</b>	HOLY WEEK; <i>attend Holy Week services</i>
<b>19 &amp; 20</b>	***BREAK***
<b>26 &amp; 27</b>	“4 <sup>th</sup> week” read-thru-the-Bible conversations*

\*The fourth week of each month has been designated for read-thru-the-Bible check-in and conversations.

Each Bible study session is self-contained, come when you can! Come to either – Wednesdays are a repeat of Tuesday sessions.

Bible study is a great time of fellowship and learning together, with lots of laughter and deepening of friendships. There’s also coffee – and sometimes, cookies!

Some have expressed concerns: Will I have to read out loud? No. Will I be tested on my Bible knowledge? No. Do I have to agree with certain beliefs and opinions? No. These are low-key small group gatherings where newcomers are welcome and differing perspectives are encouraged.

Hope to see you soon at Bible study.

### **Bible study on Facebook, email, website and snail-mail**

How can we apply the scriptures and this week’s sermon to our daily lives in meaningful ways? A Bible study handout is emailed each week, on the theme of the previous Sunday’s Bible passage, for personal use. The study is also posted on Facebook and on our website; snail-mail upon request. Please contact the church office for more info; Pam will be happy to assist you.

Pastor Sharon is happy to facilitate a group study for you and two or more friends; please contact her if you are ready to organize a Bible study group.

### **“Read-through-the-Bible” 2022:**

Once a month, on “4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday” weeks, Bible study sessions are devoted to a discussion of the month’s readings. You are invited to come enjoy a cup of coffee and listen in, even if you aren’t doing the readings! Enjoy the fellowship. See Jill Schofield for more info on participating in read-through-the-Bible.



# EASTER BRUNCH

## April Lunch Bunch

This month “Lunch Bunch” is an Easter Brunch on April 17<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of the Resurrection. Come to the party! Christ is risen! Alleluia!



**Who:** Everyone! All are welcomed.

**What:** Lunch/brunch. Potluck.

**Where:** Church library and courtyard.

**When:** Sunday, April 17, after worship.

**Why:** Fun, food, and fellowship. Friendship evangelism – invite a friend or a family member – even if they didn’t come to church! They can meet you for lunch/brunch and get to know your church family in a relaxed setting.

**Questions:** Contact the church office.

Lunch bunch typically meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month; the location is decided by the lunch bunch group. If you would like to host a Lunch Bunch, or choose a restaurant as a destination, please contact the church office, Anna Garzzia or June Drenten (Anna & June are Co-Coordinator of the Outreach Team).



## 2022 Easter Lily Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ at \$17.00 each. Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Honor of:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Given to the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your order, with payment, to the church office by Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Checks payable to **Sierra Madre United Methodist Church**, write ‘Easter lilies’ in the memo

## **GUEST PREACHER – April 24, 2022**

### **Jo Ann Williams**

#### **Beginnings**

Born in Whittier, CA, in 1929. Had one younger brother. Moved to Pasadena in 1935, and attended Pasadena public schools.

#### **My Family**

Married my long-time boyfriend, Frank Williams, in 1951. Wedding was in Roswell, New Mexico, where he was stationed.

Frank died in 2000, after many years as a Pasadena Policeman.

At present, my family includes 2 daughters and their husbands, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

(My view here is, "Don't tell me the bad stuff", so all is well.

#### **Further Education**

Graduate of Occidental College----BA

Azusa-Pacific University---MA

#### **Profession**

Taught all levels in Pasadena Public Schools---25 years

Worked at Cal Tech developing curriculum on solar energy for children---2years

Taught at CSULA in training prospective teachers---8 years

#### **Volunteer**

Gamble House in Pasadena, tours, training new docents, president of Docent Council.

I am active in the Occidental Alumni Association.

Served 6 years as a member of the Sierra Madre Senior Commission.

33 years as a P.E.O

I am a member of the Board of the Sierra Madre Woman's Club, and often work in the Thrift Shop.

#### **Sierra Madre UMC**

Member since late '50s.

Many years teaching Sunday School

Served as church Lay Leader and District Lay Leader

Marched in July 4 parade, for our church float  
(the decorated cart).

Have presented many sermons.

#### **My real claim to fame---**

Spending many Halloweens as the best witch in town . . .



## Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast Thank You!!

Thank you to Sally Follett for a lovely Mardi Gras brunch in her beautiful backyard to kick-off the Lenten season. "Sinfully" delicious pancakes and other decadent treats for our February Lunch Bunch

Thank you to her assistant, Liz Peterson, who helped with decorating and in the kitchen.

Thank you to Dee Suzuki, Yvonne Miller, Ann Dechairo-Marino, who helped with clean-up, and to Lynette Croan, who helped with serving and clean-up.

Thank you to everyone who came out to share sparkling conversation, laughter, and the Mardi Gras party spirit.



## Are you looking for in-home assistance?

**Maria Luna**, a member of our church, is available. She does personal care for women or men. No housework, and no less than 5 hours a day. Maria's contact info is in your church directory, or you may contact Pam in the church office to get in touch with Maria, who can tell you more about her rates and services.



WORKDAY

**SATURDAY, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m.**



## **MORE THANK YOUS !!!**

So much of our Administrative committees' work is behind-the-scenes.

We want to take a moment, now and then, to notice and say "thank you."

**THANK YOU, TRUSTEES**, and a very generous donor, for our new Hartzell Hall roof, and for all the many projects the Trustees have going to keep the property maintained and functioning. Special thanks to Bob Travis, President of Trustees, to John Werthwein, who manages many of the projects, and to Maintenance Technician Francisco Acero.

**THANK YOU, STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**, for a beautiful honoring of our church staff on March 13. The Staff Appreciation Luncheon was a lovely, relaxed affair that included delicious food and drink, flowers and decorations, and gifts for each staffperson. Thank you to Jill Schofield, Chairperson, and her committee, for helping us to honor our wonderful staff. Thank you, as well, for all the complicated, delicate work SPRC does in fulfilling the HR part of their responsibilities.

**THANK YOU, FINANCE COMMITTEE**, for all you do – mainly behind the scenes! – to keep our church's mission and ministry "in the black" and in proper financial order. Special thanks to Peg Schuster, Chairperson, and to Barbie Bevington, each of whom give countless hours of time and commitment to the church. Thank you for your servant leadership. Thank you, as well, to Pam Ferguson, who has been the committee's Zoom secretary during the pandemic.



## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

**Meet in Church Parking Lot at  
5:45 p.m. to carpool to Center**

**MARCH LUNCH BUNCH  
STAFF APPRECIATION BRUNCH  
THANK YOU SPRC!**



Thank you all for the delicious brunch, AND CAKE! And for the flowers – they lasted more than a week!

*Pictured – from left: Rev. Sharon Snapp-Kolas, Laura Snyder, Francisco Acero, Pam Ferguson and Stephanie Lan.*



Detail from the 2017 Flower Cross – Don't forget to bring your flowers to Church on Easter morning!

## REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE – Revisited AGAIN!

**FIRST SUNDAY** – Leader Liz Peterson, Ann DeChairo-Marino, Joyce Kenyon

**SECOND SUNDAY** – **LUNCH BUNCH (Except April!)**

**THIRD SUNDAY** – *Leader needed*, Dee Suzuki, Candace Taylor, Peg Schuster \*\*

**FOURTH SUNDAY** – Leader Sally Follett, Jo Ann Williams, Connie Wortham

**FIFTH SUNDAY** – *Leader needed*, June Drenten, Barbie Bevington, Jill Schofield

Contact Liz Peterson or the Church Office if you have questions or changes to this schedule.

**\*\* April Lunch Bunch on Third Sunday**



### SARAH CIRCLE

Book Club meets every  
Fourth Friday

Connie Wortham's house

### GARD CREATION

meetings will be announced. Call Connie Wortham if you want to meet her individually to make cards.  
(626) 351-9260



- 6 David Nieto**  
**12 Joyce Hyche**  
**15 Jill Schofield**  
**Millie Solury**  
**26 Peter Schofield**  
**29 Declined to State**



**20 Cindy and Dave Crismer**



The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. You can also contact us at our email addresses:

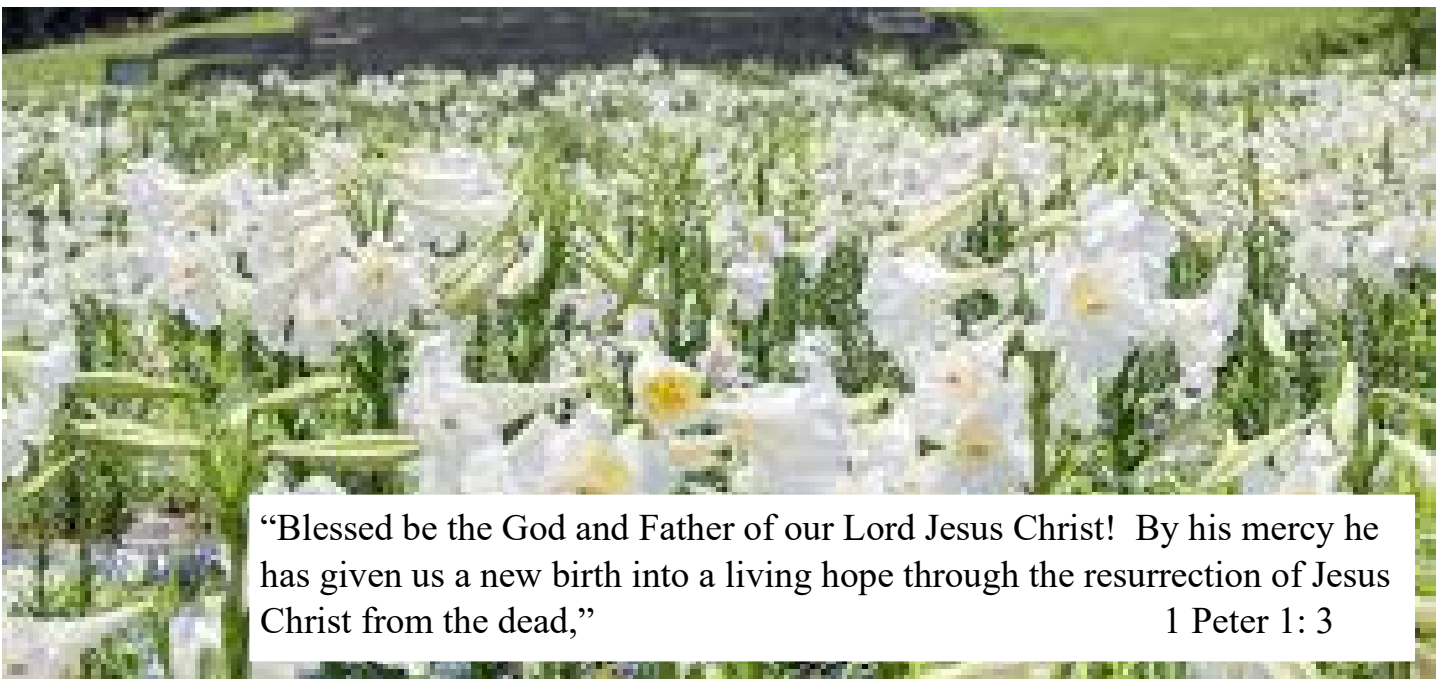
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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”  
1 Peter 1: 3













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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Abbreviations</b> LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel	28	29	30	31	1 	2
<b>3 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship	4 	5 BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 2:30 p.m.	6 BIBLE STUDY - PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.	7	8	9 RUMMAGE WORK DAY
<b>10 Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch  	11	12	13  STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:00 p.m.	14  SEDER 6:00 p.m. Hartzell Hall	15  Good Friday	16
<b>17 Easter Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship  	18 	19 FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.	20	21	22 EARTH DAY	23 SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Connie W's house
<b>24 Second Sunday of Easter</b> Guest Preacher Jo Ann Williams 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship	25  NATIONAL CRAYON DAY	26 READ THRU BIBLE 2:30 p.m. Card Creation - Connie Wortham's house	27 READ THRU BIBLE - PARSONAGE 6:00 p.m.	28	29  Pay It Forward Day	30

PASTOR SHARON ON VACATION - MONDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> through SUNDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>