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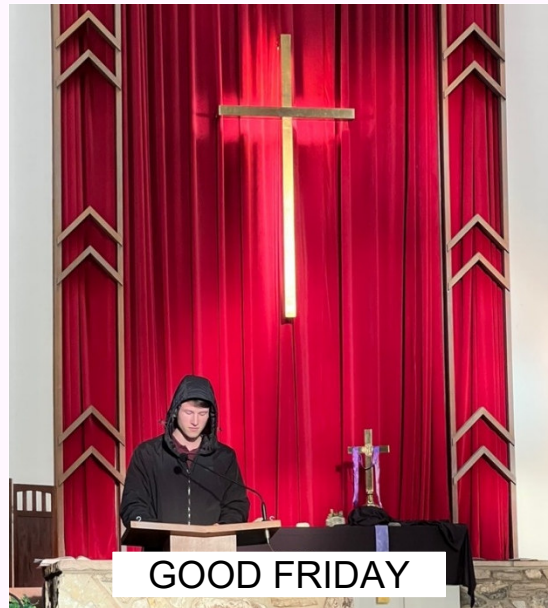
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MAY 2023

2023 Holy Week Celebrations!



PALM SUNDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



EASTER FLOWER CROSS



EASTER CHILDREN'S
MOMENT

A Message from PASTOR JAE

“With Easter, the New Engine Is Installed!”



As I prepared myself for the final todays of suffering of Jesus in the passion week, and as I prepared for Easter Children’s message, I stopped by a Japanese supply store, Daiso (*read aloud Dai-So?*). There, I found a very interesting thing. ***It was a pinwheel, a little spinner.***

Immediately, I bought six of them. The next day, I asked my wife Yang, “Would you go buy more?” So, she bought twenty of them. Then, Friday morning, I went there again to buy more of them. But no more was there. It was all sold out. Guess who purchased them all? So, I had to go to another Daiso. There, I bought fifteen of them. All together, how many? Forty-one pinwheels!

There was a reason. When I placed them here and there on our church campus, I felt like I was going back to my younger days and became a little boy again! It was a great feeling that I became a child again with the pinwheels. I do not know what exact magic the pinwheels did to me. But when I looked at the pinwheels spinning in the wind breezes, I became one of them, feeling my heart and mind spinning like them. ***It is like a childlike engine being re-generated in my heart!***

We all know how pinwheels spin. They take winds, as it gives itself up to the wind breezes, coming around and coming through them. Then they spin! No resistance, but they spin, as they surrender themselves to the wind, which is the same word, the Holy Spirit in our Christian term. As we give ourselves up to God in his Spiritual breezes, God spins us and we are re-generated! Isn’t it awesome? In my younger days, all the boys in my village knew how to make their own pinwheels. No winds...? We didn’t care. Instead of waiting for the wind breezes, we ran all together, holding the pinwheels up in the air as high

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as we could. The little boys never gave up! We all remember what Jesus said at Matthew 18:3, ***“Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”***

According to the Gospel of John 20, Easter has come with Mary’s notification. When Mary got there, ***the tomb was empty***, which means that the tortured and pierced body of Jesus wasn’t there. Instead, the two angels guarded that empty tomb. Then, as she



turned around, Mary saw a man and she thought he was the gardener of the cemetery. Still crying in tears and sorrow, Mary asked. “My Lord was taken away from here. Tell me where you put him.” Strangely enough, now, that man seemed to know her name and called her, ***“Mary!”***

What a voice it was, that she wanted to hear again! What a tender voice it was, which she had missed! We all do have some voices that we want to hear again, missing them. Now, Mary knows whose voice it is. It is Jesus. Unbelievable, but it was real! Jesus is risen, as he already told them. Then, the risen Jesus asks her, saying, “Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them. ***I am risen. The tomb cannot swallow me up and cannot keep me in darkness.*** My Father God got me out of there and I arose from that tomb of darkness! Tell them, soon, I will get to Galilee and meet them there. No one can stop our dreams! Our Father God won’t let that happen! Nothing can disconnect us from the promise of our Father God! ***Our Father God is real!*** God turned the tomb into a birthplace of that dream and the promise!” I paraphrased what Jesus said.

How would you take this Easter news that the young woman Mary brings to you? Would you still like to search for the body of Jesus in that empty tomb? Or would you convince yourself with that Easter news and run to Galilee, to the place that the risen Jesus promised to meet you? Or crying in tears, would you continue to stay in front of the tomb? Where would you like to be?

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A few pinwheels are placed in front of the parsonage. As they spin, they stop people there. In particular, all children reach out to touch them. Then I walk out to them, and asked, “Would you like to take one? Why not?” Usually, their mom or dad ask them to say, “Thank you.”

However, the children continue paying attention to the spinning pinwheels. I am just happy to see them happy, with a hope that the new engine of Easter generates their life in the breezes of God’s spirit. We are now in May! Are we all ready to move forward with this new engine of Easter?

May God bless you all!

Pastor Jae Lew



Pastor Jae’s Sermon Titles and Worship themes for May

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| May 7 | Fifth Sunday of Easter – Communion Sunday
<i>“The Church, a Threat to Them?”</i>
Acts 7: 54-60 |
| May 14 | Sixth Sunday of Easter
<i>“Who Is the Holy Spirit?”</i>
John 14: 15-20 |
| May 21 | Seventh Sunday of Easter
<i>“The New Community of Waiting”</i>
Acts 1: 6-14 |
| May 28 | Day of Pentecost
<i>“The New River of Life”</i>
John 7: 37-39 |

May Lectionary Readings:

May 7 Acts 7: 55-60; 1 Pet. 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14
May 14 Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Pet. 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21
May 21 Acts 1: 1-11; Eph. 1; 15-23; Luke 24: 44-53
May 28 Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Cor. 12: 3b-13; John 7: 37-39

Weekly Psalms for May:

May 7 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
May 14 Psalm 66: 8-20
May 21 Psalm 47 or Psalm 19
May 28 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

CONGRATULATIONS JADEN MILLER ON YOUR CONFIRMATION!



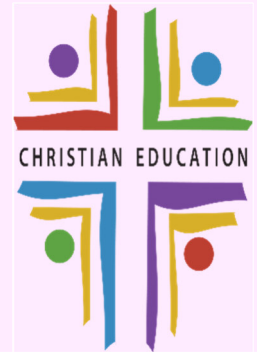
EASTER SUNDAY 2023

Jaden with his father Dwayne
and step-mom Andrea.



MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Sign up to prepare for confirmation and Church membership!



- We are planning Three Sessions to begin in
- Each session will last one hour
- These classes are designed for those who are preparing for confirmation, those who want to re-confirm their basic Christian beliefs, AND those who want to prepare to be members of our Church.

Contact Pastor Jae or the Church Office if you are interested, or have any questions



THE EASTER EGG HUNT!

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.

**A HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO
RICH SNYDER ON HIS RETIREMENT!!!**



from left,
Pastor Jae Lew, Yang Lew,
Rich Snyder and Jill Schofield
at the City of Sierra Madre
Retirement Celebration –
March 14, 2023

EASTER BARISTAS



Our Resident Barista, ready for
your order!



Our beautiful Church decked for Easter

(editors note: I needed to have an even number of pages!!!)

MORE EASTER PICTURES



We had to wish David Ruiter our fond goodbyes when he returned to the Netherlands on April 23rd. He will be missed!

**First
Sunday
Food
Drive**

Ongoing Opportunity

We collect food donations on the first Sunday of every month, to be distributed to our local food banks.



Spring Rummage Sale:

Saturday, June 3rd

WORK: May 6th and 27th

**MOVE: Saturday,
May 21st**



- 1 Janet Ten Eyck
- 3 Yvonne Johnson
- 6 Chloe Mira Ku
- 17 Leticia Bridal
- 24 Cindy Crismer
Jennifer Schofield
- 28 Elise Hernandez
- 30 Liz Mackey-Peterson



25 Ning and Scott Basinger



Sarah Circle

**Book Club meets on
Fourth Fridays**

**Connie Wortham's
house**

**CARD
CREATION**

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



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

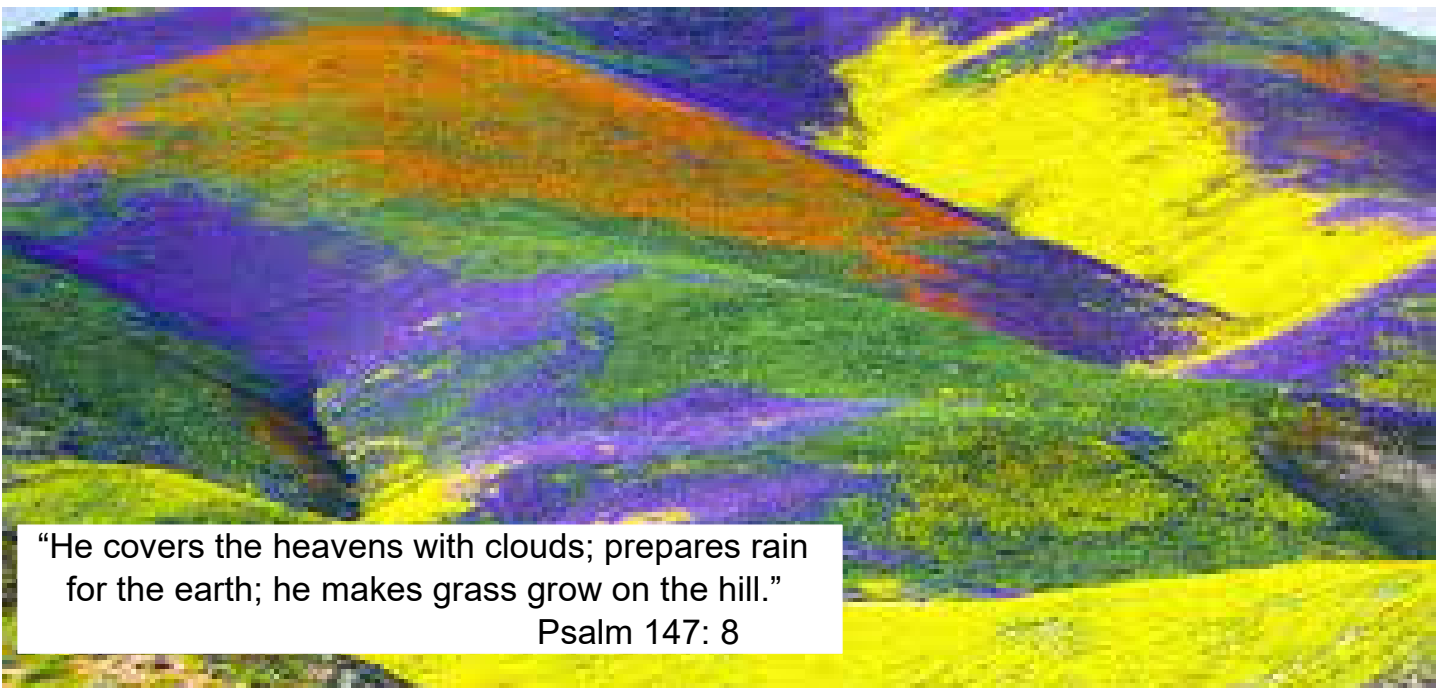
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“He covers the heavens with clouds; prepares rain
for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hill.”
Psalm 147: 8

May
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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel</p>	<p>1  HAPPY MAY DAY!</p>	<p>2  National Teacher Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4  The First Thursday in May NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6  RUMMAGE WORKDAY HH – 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING – May 1 to May 19 – HH, WC and LL</p>						
<p>7 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10  SMALL BUSINESS DAY</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13  NATIONAL Frog Jumping Day</p>
<p>LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL AP TESTING – May 1 to May 19 – HH, WC and LL</p>						
<p>14 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16  INT'L DAY OF LIGHT FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19  UHRA SET-UP HH – 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>20  UPPER HASTINGS RANCH ASSOC. PANCAKE BREAKFAST HH – 9 am to noon</p>
<p>LA SALLE HS - AP MAKEUP TESTING – WC and LL</p>						
<p>21 Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship  MOVE RUMMAGE TO FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>	<p>22  HAPPY NATIONAL SOLITAIRE DAY</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25  May 25 National Wine Day</p>	<p>26  SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Connie's House</p>	<p>27  RUMMAGE WORKDAY HH – 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>RUMMAGE SET-UP - HH</p>						
<p>28 Day of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship  Pentecost</p>	<p>29  Church Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATE • HONOR • REMEMBER</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31  WORLD PARROT DAY</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3  RUMMAGE SALE</p>
<p>RUMMAGE SET-UP - HH</p>						