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OBSERVING HOLY WEEK 2024!

Walking the Stations of the Cross at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat



MORE HOLY WEEK PHOTOGRAPHS ON PAGE FOUR

A Message from PASTOR JAE

“Haven’t You Taken a Pinwheel Yet?”



Right after the Children’s moment Last Easter Sunday, as I came back to my own pew, an image of a pinwheel dawned in my heart. A pinwheel was slowly spinning in my heart. And then, it feels like that all other pinwheels started spinning all together, overcoming life’s burdens and challenges in the hearts

In the daytime on Saturday, the day before Easter, I had work to complete before Easter. The task that I wanted to accomplish was how to represent the day of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem, and how to recreate the day of Easter in our church campus. To me, the spinning pinwheels are like the palm branches they waved in Jerusalem. They are like the sensors that detect the winds of the Holy Spirit around us. The spinning pinwheels of Easter are like flags lifted in the winds of the battle fields to inform of the good news of victory. The weather forecast indicated rain on Saturday night. Saturday afternoon, however, I spent some time with my wife, installing pinwheels here and there on our church campus. The sun was bright and the breezes blowing on the church campus were comfortable.

By Saturday night, as was forecast, it began to rain. It didn’t seem to stop even after midnight. I could hear the rain and I was concerned. What if the pinwheels couldn’t survive the rains? I really hoped that Easter morning would welcome our church families and friends to Easter Service with the bright faces of the spinning pinwheels. I prayed. “Dear God, let them survive the rains and the night!”

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Years ago, when Korea was under Japanese colonial occupation, one of Korean poets, Jung-Ju Suh expressed his concerned heart with a metaphor of one blossom of a Chrysanthemum. Metaphorically, the hope for the day of emancipation to come was hidden in his poem, "*By the Chrysanthemum.*"

**For one blossom of mums to bloom
I wonder if scops owl has been crying
As such since the spring**

**For one blossom of mums to bloom,
I wonder if the thunder has roared
As such through th' dark rain cloud
For your yellow blossom to bloom,
I wonder year's hoarfrost down came
Last night, to me that much
Giving a sleepless night as such**

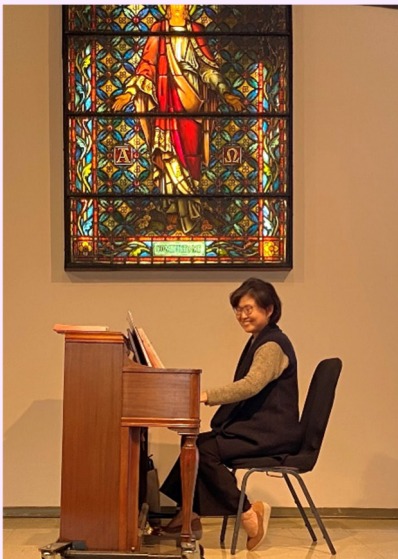
Absolutely, our God the Father bloomed the flower of Easter through the dark night of doubt, struggles and suffering. His son Jesus faithfully survived the night as well as the tomb. Have you taken one of the pinwheels to your home? Do you have Easter blooming in the front yard of your home? Is Easter blossoming in the garden of your soul?

Today, as I walked around the church campus, I found that not many of the pinwheels were left. I believe that most of the pinwheels were taken and safely landed in the garden of your home. I am happy. I am grateful. I pray that Easter is blooming not only around us, but also everywhere on earth. Spring has come! Yes, we are in the season of Easter. AMEN!

Blessings,

Pastor Jae Lew

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER at the Fellowship Hall





SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, April 27th, 2024

Rummage Move Day

Sunday, April 14th

Rummage Work Day

Saturday, April 20th *

*** More Work Days may be announced**

Share Your Harvest, and your Plants!

We started a plant clinic, which has morphed into a plant exchange. We are also inviting anyone to bring in excess harvest to share.



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

Please Note:

The food banks to which we send your donations **will not accept** food in opened containers or with expired 'use by' dates. Please just throw them away rather than bringing them to First Sunday.



EASTER PICTURES – including a baptism!

The Baptism of Atticus Timothy Kim and Harper Abigail Kim. Pastor Jae presiding with parents Brian and Yo-jin Kim in attendance.



Continuing thanks to all those who put food and drink on our Fellowship Table each week!

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 for her rates and services.

RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 27TH!



April Birthdays!

- 6 David Nieto
- 15 Jill Schofield
- 26 Peter Schofield
- 29 She who will not be named
- 27 A. J. Hernandez
- 29 David Baier



- 20 Cindy and Dave Crismer



**Sarah Circle
Book Club meets
on Fourth Fridays**

**Sally Follett's
house**

CARD CREATION

meetings will be announced. Call Connie Wortham if you want to meet her individually to make cards.
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**"I will both lie down and sleep in peace,
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety."
Psalm 4: 8**

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3	4 	5	6 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;">RENTAL – HH Sierra Madre Civic Club Luncheon</div>
7 Second Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	8	9 	10 	11	12 	13 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;">CAF POTLUCK HH – 11:30 a.m.</div>
14 Third Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	15	16	17	18	19	20
RUMMAGE IN HARTZELL FELLOWSHIP HALL						
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;">NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY</div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;">RUMMAGE MOVE DAY</div>		FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.				
21 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	22	23	24	25	26	27
RUMMAGE IN HARTZELL FELLOWSHIP HALL						
					SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Connie's House VERIFY DATE	 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
28 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship	29	30	1 	2	3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel</div>