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ON WATCH

Pause and See Christ This Holy Week

Jesus stepped away from the crowds. He took time to reflect and pray. His time in solitude gave him the space to recharge and prepare for what is next. Each one of us goes through seasons in life. We have busy times. We have slow times. We have intense periods, and there are peace-filled days. The ebb and flow of life is unique to each person. So, there is no one-size-fits-all spirituality.

Jesus responded to his situation. From the Bible, we know about his prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane. But we do not know how he prayed earlier in the week. Did he struggle? Did he experience stress about the swelling tide of public frustration with the Roman oppressors? How did he see his role in public discourse leading up to Passover?

According to Luke 21:34-38, Jesus said, "But about the day or hour no one knows... Beware. Keep alert. For you do not know when the time will come." He admits a lack of clairvoyance. Yet, he remains attuned to God's leading. The events of the week unfold. Judas betrays Jesus. The rest of his disciples desert him. He faces abuse and a mock trial alone. Then, he dies on a cross alone.

Was he surprised? Maybe. Maybe not. Perhaps he knew that his path would lead to death. He foretold his death in Luke 18:33. Perhaps he knew he would die for what he taught, but he might not have known when. Maybe he knew exactly what was going to happen and

SERVICES OF HOLY WORSHIP Holy Week Worship with Ken Medema

Spy Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:00 PM

Sermon:

Which Path Today?

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 26:47-50

Maunder Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00 PM

Sermon:

Humble & Terrifying Acts

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

John 13: 1-20

Anthem:

Come Thou Fount

Ken Medema

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

7:00 PM

Sermon:

Denial & Death

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

John 19:31-37

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

11:00 AM

Sermon:

Do You See, Peter?

Dr. Matthew Tennant

when. We cannot truly know the mind of Christ. Only God knows.

We can, however, pause and see Christ. We can follow his journey. We can feel the pang of betrayal when Judas misunderstands everything and accepts the silver. We can listen in on the joy of Jesus and his closest friends celebrating Seder together. Was there a child present to ask the traditional question, "Why is this night different?" Later that evening, we can experience the loneliness of Jesus in Gethsemane.

Luke 22-23 takes us on this journey. Let us pause this week. Turn off the news. Forget the latest sporting victory or tragedy. Step away from social media. Take a break from work. Open the Bible. Carefully read the events of Holy Week. Do not jump ahead to Luke 24. Save it for Sunday.

Holy Week can be difficult. Going through it with Jesus makes Easter a richer experience.

Peace,
Matt



Our Pastor on WINA

Dr. Tennant was Jay James' guest on WINA's Morning News, March 25. He appears on WINA once per month to provide some commentary on the news from a faith perspective. This month he joined the program to share about a special nationally renowned guest who will provide music for three services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday as well as outreach to students and those visiting church for the first-time during Easter. In case you missed it, you can [hear the interview here](#).

Scripture:
Luke 24:1-12

Anthem:
Then Came Sunday
Ken Medema

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacon: Jackie Lockwood
Ushers: Charlotte Bailey, Ed Barker
College Dinner: No college dinner on March 31

Sign up to provide college dinners this semester!

Our Sunday evening dinners are a great way to support our UVA students as well as a great way to get to know them! Dinner is served at 6:30 pm, and our group size runs between 20-30 students each week. You can [sign up at this link](#) for a week. This is a great opportunity for a Bible study group, or a group of friends, to work together to provide a meal and support our college students!

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, March 27

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PBJ Bible Study
5:15 Handbell Rehearsal
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Program (Table Fellowship)
6:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Spy Wednesday Worship

THURSDAY, March 28

6:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY, March 29

7:00 Good Friday Worship

SATURDAY, March 30

10:00 College/Youth Event with Ken Medema



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday next week!

Apr. 4: Catherine Cooper

Apr. 5: William Hendricks

Apr. 7: Laura Morris

Apr. 9: Nell Tiller, Connor Marshall



Join us on Wednesday evening for dinner at 5:30.

Click [here](#) to RSVP by Tuesday at noon.

Our menu tomorrow will be:

Orange Chicken

Steamed White Rice

Roasted Garlic Broccoli

Lemon Mascarpone Cake

This week, at 6:00, we will have table fellowship prior to our Spy Wednesday worship service at 7:00.



Congratulations to Gary Wood and Jenny Schlack on the birth of Nathan Todd Wood on March 4. Nathan joins sisters Georgia Anne and Maisie.

SUNDAY, March 31

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, April 1

Church Office Closed

10:30 Bible Reading Group

1:00 Theology Reading Group

8:00 Youth Council

TUESDAY, April 2

7:00 Kitty Colvin Trail Circle

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).

Prayer Requests*

Jack & Jo-Ann Averill

Tony Barretta

Alba & Pam Beasley

Clara Brown

Leon & Nancy Castle

Johnny & Gail Ellen

David & Linda Hendon

Larry & Lynn Martin

Barbara Newlon

Kaylee Risell

Melvin & Mildred Spicer

Bob & Joyce Tennant

Barbara Weber

Jack & Anne Wilkerson

*In order to respect privacy, limited information is included here.

Sunday Mornings

Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live

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