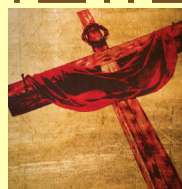


The Proclaimer

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"He is risen!"

"He is risen indeed!"

I love this call and response to the resurrection of Jesus, and traditionally throughout the history of the Church it has been used as a greeting. Exactly how this saying grew into a very well known "hello" between Christian brothers and sisters is not fully known. However, there is a tradition in the Eastern Orthodox Church that the saying was made popular by Mary Magdalene when she supposedly addressed Emperor Tiberius in Rome with the words "Christ is risen."

As Easter is quickly approaching, using this address should be more than an empty tradition. The words "He is risen!" remind us of the joyous news we celebrate at Easter, that Jesus' death was not in vain, and that He has the power to overcome death. Saying "He is risen!" allows us to share this incredible truth with each other. The resurrection of Christ gives us hope for salvation and for our own resurrection and eternal life.

My encouragement to you and to myself over the 27 days from March 1 to Easter Sunday is to ask Jesus the following question.

"How can I help create an atmosphere and attitude in my life to make this Easter season of 2016 one of significance?"

I think one of the easiest pitfalls that we can step into is one of "going through the motions". Growing up, I lived two miles out in the country and I drove the same dirt roads into town, multiple times everyday. I knew every inch of those dirt roads; where the sand was deep and wanted to pull you off in the ditch, how hard to punch the gas of my pickup to slide around the corners... You know, the important stuff!

My mind could go on auto-pilot because I thought I knew everything there was to know. Until one day in the winter, I was on my way to Church and was going through the motions of driving there. And because I thought I knew everything about those dirt roads, I didn't clean the snow off my windows too well. Just enough to see through, or so I thought.

I went to make the turn into town like I had a million times and WHAM!!! All of a sudden I'm facing sideways in my truck and I've come to a complete stop. I look over at the passenger side door and it is smashed into the cab. I've been in an accident, all because I was going through motions and not paying attention.

Our spiritual life and walk with Jesus can be like this at times can't it? We go through the motions of Church, and more specifically for us in this season, we go through the motions of Easter. Our minds and souls can go on auto-pilot thinking we already know everything there is to know about Easter and the Resurrection.

Two things can happen to us if we are in this state: 1. We can get blindsided by life or by the enemy. We don't see it coming. 2. We can miss what Jesus wants to do in our lives. We can miss the significance of Easter 2016. Because if there is one thing I know it is Jesus is alive and He wants to bring to life something new inside of us.

Pastor Jadon



Amanda and I have been blessed with an opportunity to serve in Bolivia for 2 ½ weeks during this coming summer. One of the more important things we feel like we can teach students we are working with is following in the footsteps of Jesus. Jesus was a man who served more than anything else. His teachings, parables, and miracles were all examples of service. Jesus dedicated His life and ministry to serving others, and Amanda and I are so thankful to have an opportunity to serve in this way. We have several students who are service oriented, and this is a chance for us to demonstrate to them a form of service. We have been blessed with an opportunity to serve overseas for a couple weeks and come back to share our experience with others, including the youth we have been working with for the past several months.

Amanda and I have been involving our youth in Community Kitchen somewhat regularly over the past few months in an effort to get them involved in service. Serving others is something I want to do a lot of as long as we are involved in youth ministry, and it is something our youth have done very graciously. We could not be more proud of our youth for their hearts in serving others and making a difference. Even if it has been something some of them have not wanted to do at times, they have done it with a smile on their face and with the right attitude. Amanda and I are so grateful for the youth we are working with, and it has been a blessing to watch them help others in this particular way. One of the more incredible experiences I have had since being a part of the youth at Metolius occurred a couple weeks ago. I made the executive decision that our youth would not be involved with community kitchen every week. I let them know it is something we still wanted to be a part of, but we had other things we would like to do as well. The announcement was met with many expressions of disappointment that we would not be involved in it every week. It was something they said they enjoyed doing, and they were going to miss not doing it every week. I am so thankful to have youth who want to serve and want to make a difference in the community.

This is partially why we are so excited about our Bolivia trip. Amanda and I are really hoping that sharing our experience with our youth will inspire them to take on servant's hearts throughout their entire lives. We want to see them have the hearts of Jesus, and we are really hoping that this experience for us alongside of helping in Community Kitchen will really drive them to have that desire. One thing we are trying to avoid is the mindset that missions and service can only be accomplished overseas. God wants to see his Word spread everywhere, and that includes right here in Metolius. Amanda and I are firm believers that local missions and services get overlooked with everyone's desires to serve in foreign countries. We are both called to be in missions overseas at some point down the road, so we understand that desire and that calling. However, I am so thankful for those who have taken their call seriously to be local missionaries. Amanda and I find missions and service extremely valuable in both a local and foreign setting. This is one thing we really hope to pass on to our youth, especially youth who have missionary's hearts.

Michael



This year we will be having a Good Friday Service on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. If you are unfamiliar with the idea behind a service like this, I hope the following information will help. A Good Friday Service is different than most worship services that are held within the Church. The main focus and theme is the suffering Christ experienced on the Cross. We do this to remember all that Jesus went through for us. In the midst of the trial, the beatings, and ultimately the crucifixion we see that it is Jesus conquering sin and death once and for all.

The atmosphere of the service will be quiet, reflective, and contemplative. There will be a few congregational songs, Scripture readings, Open Worship, and a short message. Also, at the end of the service we will be offering the physical elements of Communion. As Friends, there are a few things to note concerning this:

We don't offer the physical elements on a regular basis because we see that if the teaching of Jesus is to be taken seriously, the requirements of following after him must always be spiritual and moral, never ritual. Therefore, we believe that the crucial communion with Christ is inward, where the soul is nourished daily by the indwelling Christ.

With that being said, we also see the value, power, and importance of being reminded of our Lord's broken body and of His lifeblood poured out for us. It is essential to be aware that the bread and the cup are an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible reality.

When we take Communion it should lead us to the present and risen Jesus Christ. While Friends understand how the outward symbols can be helpful and meaningful, they testify that they are never necessary for God's working.

Everyone who comes to the Good Friday Service will have the choice to participate or not in the Lord's Supper. We want it to be a personal decision with Christ directing each individual. I am personally looking forward to this service as I always find them very meaningful and moving. It is our opportunity to join with Paul in saying,

“5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

I invite you to join us this Good Friday at 6:00 p.m.
Pastor Jadon



March 13th

Move your clocks ahead



Easter Offering, March 27th, for Lance and Megan Roberts.

Who are Lance and Megan? Just what do they do exactly? These are great questions.

Together, they are a dynamic duo living in a smallish town in Ukraine throwing themselves into developing and equipping leaders in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

(Be sure to visit their blog to get their full information. Lance-Megan.com)

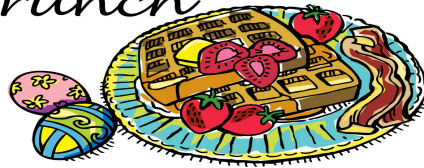
This year, to help raise funds for a car, we are doing a 'Creative Sock Contest'. Decorate a sock and bring it filled with your extra change, dollars or checks. There will be a \$25 gift card to Starbucks for the lucky winner.



Start
your
day
out
with
a
drive
to the
top of

Round Butte and watch the
sun rise as we worship God
together as a community. The
service begins at 6:30am.

Easter
Brunch



The Easter Brunch will be
hosted by the
Christian Education Ministry
Team

9:30am to 10:30am
Everyone is invited!

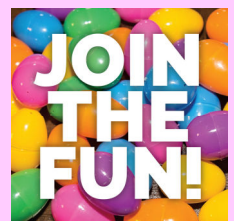


Easter Egg Hunt

Open to children
of all ages.

Following our
Worship Service.

We are in need of
pre-wrapped candy
donations for the
eggs. Please bring
your donations to
the church as soon
as possible. Thank
you for your help.



Come Join Us

Holy Week Luncheons

March 21 - 25 from 12 - 1 p.m.

At the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Madras

Our church will be providing lunch for Tuesday, the 22nd.

If you would like to help, please call the church office,
541-546-4974 or Milne Macy, 541-480-7294

We will have the full details later.



A Memorial
Service for
Scott Taylor
will be held

March 19th here at the church at
11:00am. There will be a potluck
lunch after the service.

Character cannot be developed
in ease and quiet. Only through
experience of trial and suffering
can the soul be strengthened,
ambition inspired, and success
achieved."

- Helen Keller

"I find the great thing in this world
is not so much where we stand, as
in what direction we are moving.
To reach the port of heaven, we
must sail sometimes with the wind
and sometimes against it, but we
must sail and not drift, nor lie at
anchor."

- Oliver Wendell Holmes



Greenleaf
Friends Academy Choir

Wednesday, March 16th

At 7:00 p.m.

Here at Metolius Friends Community
Church

Please join us in welcoming them.



8th - Aurolyn Wolfe

15th - Melinda Lupinacci

16th - Teren Wood

Judy Bozarth

19th - Milne Macy

21st - Brandon Martin

25th - Dusty Miller

27th - Don Lupinacci

Walt Wolfe

30th - Dorothy Hinds



10th - John & Cheryl McCullough

16th - Walt & Aurolyn Wolfe







19th - Larry & Debbi Brown

20th - David & Tricia Slaght

Chuck & Janice Alexander

24th - Richard & Brenda Vigil

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahns	2 8:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Madison Coffee House 10:00 am Women's Bible Study @ the church 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ the church	3 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen 6:00 pm Youth Group	4 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the church	5 6:00 PM HS Bible Study @ Madison Coffee House
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Holy Week Lunches

Come Worship with Friends



Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Morning Worship

6:00 pm Evening Bible Study

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