

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021**

***REMINDER: We have regathered for in person worship each Sunday at 10 am, and no reservations are needed. For those not ready to return, the livestream continues on our YouTube Channel.***

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER GRATITUDE**

Our services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day were beautiful and meaningful for all who attended in person or virtually. They were offered from the hearts of parishioners who volunteered in many ways. It takes many hands to make worship happen, especially in a pandemic. We offer our gratitude for their ministry among us.

## **REGATHERING TEAM**

The Regathering Team planned for resuming worship in person and dusted and disinfected the worship space, and stocked the shelves with cleaning and disinfecting supplies. Many thanks to Bee Betts, Lee Boisseau, Kemper Brinkley, Marigene Little, Bill Miller, Jonathan Shockley, and Marwee Walsh.

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Our Altar Guild members changed out the altar hangings for Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day, creating a beautiful worship space and setting the communion table for each service. Many thanks to Martha Burton, Jill Donnelly, Marigene Little, and Marwee Walsh.

## **FLOWER GUILD**

Members of the Flower Guild designed a Lenten altar, and created arrangements for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. We are grateful for the gifts of Lee Adams and Kay Wray.

## **BRASS POLISHERS**

The brass polishers made sure all of our brass was gleaming – no small feat! Many thanks to Carolyn and Jimmy Thacker.

## **USHERS**

Our amazing ushers welcomed everyone, helped them find seats, and made sure the service ran seamlessly (except for when the Rector forgot to unlock the exit door!) We are grateful for Kemper Brinkley, Lee Boisseau, Samantha Ellis, Marigene Little, Ann Riggs, and Marwee Walsh.

## **READERS**

Our readers beautifully shared the scriptures with deep faith. They led the prayers and participated in the narrative Passion Reading on Good Friday. Many thanks to Samantha Ellis, Andy Gates, Missy Gates, and Jonathan Shockley.

## **MUSICIANS**

Even though we could not all sing, but probably were at least humming under our masks, we were led in praise to God by our musicians and cantors. We are grateful for Tim Richardson, Laraine Smith, Matthew Little, Bill Owen. Special thanks to our Bell Choir members (Matthew Little, Erica Roney, Gene Ross, and Laraine Smith) directed by Tim Richardson who blessed us again on Easter Day with the joy of the bells!

## **FLOWERING CROSS**

We did not want to leave out this important Easter tradition. Many thanks to Missy Gates and Kathy Talmage for assembling our stunning cross this year.

## **PANSIES**

Another of our favorite traditions, the pansies! We are all continuing to enjoy this Easter gift and are grateful to Kathy Talmage.

## **AUDIO VISUAL TEAM**

Without an AV team masterfully sharing their skills, we would be unable to share our services with those who cannot attend. Many thanks to Lee Adams and Bill Miller.

## **EASTER TREAT BAGS FOR CHILDREN**

Our young children received a special delivery of Easter treat bags. We are grateful to Ann Ifekwunigwe, who created the bags, and to our delivery team of Bill Miller, Lee Adams, Kemper Brinkley, and Ann Ifekwunigwe.

## **RESERVATIONS MANAGEMENT**

This was an important part of our success in getting as many as wanted to attend into the church on Easter Day. For their tactical skills applied to a new project, many thanks to Samantha Ellis and Jill Donnelly.

## **CHRIST AND GRACE WORSHIPERS**

For all of you who were ready to return to worship and were understanding of our safety protocol and reservation system, we give thanks. For those of you joining us virtually at home, we are grateful. Together we celebrated the Resurrection to the glory of God!

## **SINGING IN CHURCH? NOT YET!**

We are so excited to return to our worship space, however it is not yet safe for the congregation to sing inside. Please enjoy the music with your ears, and let your hearts rejoice!

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

We need your help to beautify our altar more than ever now that we are able to regather in person once again! We currently have no sponsors for altar flowers for April. Please consider honoring a loved one and enabling us to have flowers on the altar. Please call or email Lee at 243-3302 or shakubuku42@gmail.com to schedule your dedication, or use the handy online form below. The cost is \$55, payable to Christ and Grace with "altar flowers" on the memo line.

"Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy!" Isaiah 35:2

## **PRAYER LIST**

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for Melissa Aigner, Dale Bateman, Daniel, Katie, and Thomas Clark, John Haman, Sharon Plymire, Tasha Rempfer, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Ted Simpson, Mary Villeponteaux and Elaine Yeatts.

## **THE COLLECT**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.