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Message from our Pastor

It's been a year. A year since our world was upended by Covid-19. A year since we made that first decision to cancel in-person worship for the foreseeable future. Looking back I realize how naïve I was. Saddened that we would not be together for Easter Sunday, I promised that we would celebrate Easter at another time in the year when we could gather together again.

A full year has passed without being able to fulfill that promise. And another Easter is approaching. And while this Easter will still look different than our traditional Easter celebrations, it is our hope that *this* Easter we will be able to offer in-person worship, along with the live-streaming.

The Session of UPC approved the **resumption of a limited form of in-person worship beginning Sunday, March 21**—a week before Palm Sunday. We will again follow the same safety practices we implemented during those few weeks when we offered in-person worship this past fall:

- masks will be required
- worshippers are asked to make a reservation by calling the church office
- there will be no hymns sung just yet
- a soloist may occasionally sing but will be greatly distanced from the worshippers
- worshippers will be seated 6 feet apart in all directions
- the service will continue to be live-streamed for those remaining at home

Of course, we remain attentive to the public health situation and will adjust these plans if the pandemic worsens yet again. So, stay flexible and stay well!

Blessings to all!

Tracy

## Worship Column

### **Sunday, March 7**

*3rd Sunday in Lent*

Ex. 10:1-17 and Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25;  
John 2:13-22

### **Sunday, March 14**

*4th Sunday in Lent*

Num. 21:4-9 and Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22;  
1 Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

### **Sunday, March 21**

*5th Sunday in Lent*

Jer. 31:31-34 and Ps. 51:1-12 or  
Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

### **Sunday, March 28**

*Palm/Passion Sunday*  
*(Holy Week begins)*

Palms: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:20-16 and Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a and  
Ps. 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Mark 4:1-15:47 or  
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

### **Monday, March 29**

*Monday of Holy Week*

Isa. 42:1-9 and Ps. 36:5-11; Heb. 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

### **Tuesday, March 30**

*Tuesday of Holy Week*

Isa. 49:1-7 and Ps. 36:5-11, Heb. 9:11-15; John 12:20-36

### **Wednesday, March 31**

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

Isa. 50:4-9a and Ps. 70; Heb. 12:1-3; John 13:21-32





*March Birthday wishes go out to...*



- 1 Lori Lopinski
- 5 David Bartley
- 5 Patricia Grisante
- 8 Arthur Cookfair
- 11 Cindy Hickey
- 12 Elaine Swaine
- 13 Kathy Hallborg
- 13 Timothy Moorhouse
- 16 Karen Guggemos
- 17 Jim Grisante
- 17 Maxine Green
- 22 William Guggemos
- 23 Claudia Weiss
- 28 Kyle Townsend
- 30 Tracy Daub

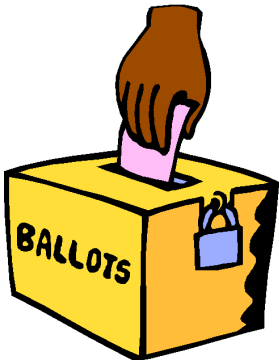
## What's Happening in March



March 2	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 3	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Zoom Lenten Study
March 4	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 7	Sunday	11:00 am	Online Worship Service
March 9	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 10	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Zoom Lenten Study
March 11	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 13	Saturday	<i>Set clocks ahead one hour</i>	
March 14	Sunday	11:00 am	Online Worship Service
		7:00 pm	Zoom Deacon's Meeting
March 16	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 18	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 21	Sunday	11:00 pm	Online Worship Service
March 22	Monday	2:00 pm	Mobile Food Pantry @ Trinity Methodist
March 23	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 25	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
March 28	Sunday	11:00 pm	Online Worship Service



**Remember to set clocks ahead before you go to bed on March 13!**



## Results of 2021 Congregational Vote

Pastor Compensation: 49 Ballots returned as approved, 2 not approved and 7 were left blank. Pastor's Compensation approved.

Election of Deacons & Elders: 54 ballots returned as approved, 1 abstained and 1 left blank. Deacons & Elders voted in.

## Mid-Week Bible Study

The Wednesday, mid-week Bible Study class continues with a Lenten series on "Sin and Salvation." Having confronted "sin," the remaining classes on March 3 and 10 will explore what we mean by "salvation." A link to the class is sent out in an email each Monday. All are welcome!

