

He is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!

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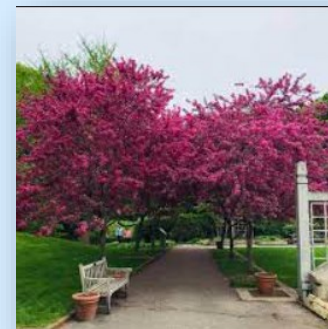
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Instruction on not Giving Up

By Ada Limón



More than the fuchsia funnels breaking out of the crabapple tree, more than the neighbor's almost obscene display of cherry limbs shoving their cotton candy-colored blossoms to the slate sky of Spring rains, it's the greening of the trees that really gets to me. When all the shock of white and taffy, the world's baubles and trinkets, leave the pavement strewn with the confetti of aftermath, the leaves come. Patient, plodding, a green skin growing over whatever winter did to us, a return to the strange idea of continuous living despite the mess of us, the hurt, the empty. Fine then, I'll take it, the tree seems to say, a new slick leaf unfurling like a fist to an open palm, I'll take it all.



Ada Limón

Among other things, April is National Poetry Month. As such, I could not help but publish this poem in its entirety. It was written by Ada Limón who is an accomplished poet from Sonoma California. Upon my first read, the collective words and images conspired to make such a visceral impression that I felt compelled to contemplate the miracle of Spring. I tarried with the idea of this season but not in an abstract or conceptual way. I considered it in a manner that I believe the poet insinuates for us, a way that is granular and specific in its details like noticing the appearance of "fuchsia funnels breaking out of the crabapple tree."

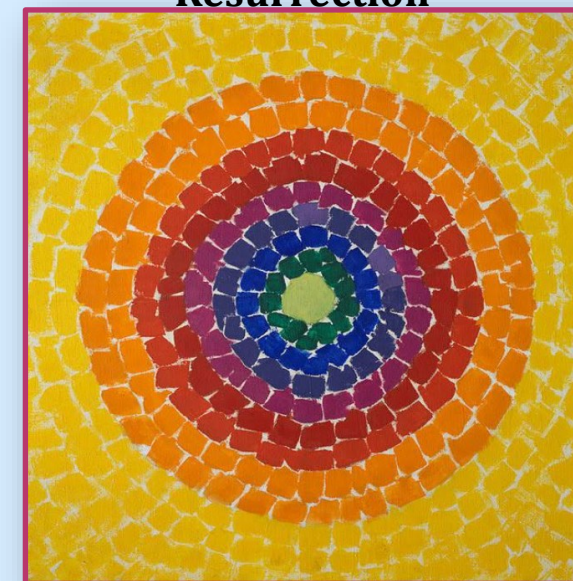
Upon my second and slower reading of the poem, Limón strikes on themes that I often associate with Easter. She writes of "a green skin growing over whatever winter did to us, a return to the strange idea of continuous living despite the mess of us, the hurt, the empty..." Though she was making a rhetorical contrast to Spring's verdancy that is made evident in how the tree births the "green skin" of new leaves, one can credibly make a winter-time analogy to humanity's mess, hurts, and feelings of emptiness. The good news is this: in the same way Spring offers a way to experience new life, Jesus, as the resurrected Christ, offers us a way of living into a new life; a life captured by a "strange idea;" a life that sprouts new blossoms and bears good fruit.

As we move into this Easter season, my prayer is that we say "Yes" to this gift of new life, and to do so in the spirit of a Spring-time tree who does not hesitate to say, "I'll take it" to a "slick leaf" newly unfurled.

Blessings,
Pastor
Mahsea Evans

Resurrection

"Resurrection" by Alma Woodsey Thomas is the first artwork by an African American woman to hang in the public spaces of the White House and enter the permanent collection. It is one of Pastor Mahsea's favorite paintings.



Alma Woodsey Thomas

Daffodils and Dialogues

I love daffodils. It is that simple. To me, it is the most wonderful part of Spring. I remember how my mother planted daffodils in the garden in the front of the house next to the rhododendrons with its showy clusters of purple blossoms. However, before any plant dared to preen about in its finest colors, it seemed like the daffodils always opened up their yellow petals to sky in beautiful defiance of winter's death and dormancy. In Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, he offers an Eastertide phrase when referring to Christ's victory over the cross saying, "O Death, where is thy sting?" In the same manner, I can hear my mother's daffodils saying, "O Winter, where is thy chill?" Did I tell you that I love daffodils?

Lately, First Church members have come together in Woodbridge Park for a time of walking and fellowshiping. On Palm Sunday, we talked about the arrival of Easter and the meaning of hope. Judy graciously brought a bouquet of daffodils, and at the close of our meeting she handed flowers to each person who was there. After the meeting, I remained a little longer to have a conversation with an older gentleman who happened to listen in on our sharing and praying. As I held my daffodil, we talked about hope, his relationship with God, his times living in Queens, NY, and when is the best time to "visit" the snow in Truckee. It was not a long dialogue, but somehow in the middle of a park in downtown Roseville between two unlikely conversation partners, something that I can only approximate as "hope" began to show forth its yellow-petaled head. I was so moved that I took a selfie to remember the experience after we bid each other adieu.

This Spring, whether through daffodils or dialogues, I pray that we all may have "windows of hope" so that we may never lose sight of God's grace that ever-surrounds us.

Blessings,
Pastor Mahsea Evans



Greetings Church Family,

I hope you are doing well and experiencing a life that makes you smile. These days I have much to be grateful. This is especially true as I compare where we were as a nation last year during the onset of the pandemic. Right now, we have more people getting vaccinated, businesses are starting to reopen, students are heading back to schools, and Spring has already sprung!

These are all wonderful developments! As we delight in these changes, and things start resembling our pre-pandemic days, I want to offer a few words of caution. Please slow down, keep practicing safety measures, and express your love and gratitude for the significant people in your life. These gestures are not only useful in helping the country get back on track but showing love for others is a sure way to put a smile on someone's face. Be sure to be good to yourself and to one another.

Kawami Evans



Walking Rainbows

A rainbow is not just a symphony of colors
sent to calm the storm in our souls;
it is a talk with God,
a mysterious, miraculous conversation with God,
heart to heart,
the very heart of God saying to our hearts;
"I remember I am your God.
Be my walking rainbows,
so that the whole world
will know to whom you belong,
for I am the God who keeps promises,
and I have not forgotten our covenant."
This is the hope of the church:
that God keeps promises.
The mission of the church is to
walk among the suffering and give,
for we are covenant keepers,
walking rainbows,
bringing the hope of the good news to the poor.

From *Kneeling in Jerusalem*
By Ann Weems

Judas Bags

Judas received 30 pieces of silver when he betrayed Jesus on Maunday Thursday after the Last Supper. He later tried to return the money but was refused. The money was used to buy Potters field for burial of the destitute. Today Judas Bags represent care for the needy and help to rebuild or repair facilities that help the poor and homeless. Please join this project by putting 30 silver coins a bag and bring it to church. You can drop it in the mail slot and Connie will collect them. She has some Judas Bags in the office. We have a roof that needs repair and poor to be fed.

Some of the kids have their friends gathering coins for this project and I think that is an outreach getting the kids doing stewardship and fund raising for care of the church.

As of 3/23/2021 the number of bags returned is 27 so if all are nickles it is \$40.50 but I hope some are .10, .25, .50 or \$1.00 coins. We want all the bags returned by Easter. Judy Solari and Don Harris will pay to have the local coin counting machines total the coins for the Financial Secretary so no coins to roll.

If you would like a bag call Don Harris 916-712-8338 or you could even use a ziplock bag and put a note inside marked Judas Bag. If you want the Financial Secretary to put it in your donation list for tax purposes put a note in the bag with your name and the amount in the bag, These notes will be given to Dave Sechrist, Finance Team Chairmen

Don Harris, Trustee President



Roof Repair Update as of March 23, 2021 Don Harris, President Board of Trustees

Crowell	paid to remove drywall in pantr	\$ 1,800.00	discover some damage		
Crowell	paid contract signed	\$17,500.00	sikn remove and replace 20X40 over pantry		
Crowell	paid time & materials	\$ 400.00	patch roof temporarily and remove dry rot		
Crowell	Flooring 5/8 plywood & labor	\$ 800.00	paid		
vinyl flooring tile	9 boxes	\$ 409.85	paid for but not yet layed by in house labor		
lay tiles	labor estimate	\$ 1,000.00			
Crowell bid apprc	insulation & drywall pantry	\$ 2,900.00	paid		
Cliff Williams	paint pantry & other drywall	\$ -	donation		
glue	HomeDepot	\$ 41.38	paid		
floor leverer	HomeDepot	\$ 28.78	paid		
Crowell bid apprc	6 skylights & labor	\$ 2,900.00	authorized		
Crowell bid	new shingles on half of Backma	\$ 7,500.00	paid		
need new gutters & leaf guards		\$ 2,400.00	authorized		
half roof east sid	Proposed	\$ 3,500.00	authorized		
Backman Hall ceiling tile and paint		\$ -	pricing		
total estimate		\$41,180.01			

The Church has received \$17,677.30 as of 3/23/2021 for roof repair as per Dave Sechrist, Finance Team Chairmen

SHRED EVENT FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021
10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of ROSEVILLE PARKING LOT
109 WASHINGTON BLVD - ROSEVILLE

INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES WELCOME

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

PRE-PURCHASE Seal-N-Shred bags (approximately one "banker box") for \$20 each

Participants fill bags with material to be shredded - paper clips, staples & even 3-ring notebooks

Bring filled bags to church parking lot the day & time of the event

Watch your paper being shredded inside the truck by camera!

Contact (916) 783-3464 or email finance@firstumcroseville.org to order a bag

For more information check our website at www.firstumcroseville.org
Additional bags will be available to purchase on "Shred Event" Day



The Crucifixion Stain Glass Window



Historical Gleanings

This window is in memory of Grace Tueller. Grace was born in Olinda Calif in 1904. The family moved to Redding when her father was elected County Commissioner of Shasta County. Later the family moved to Auburn where she graduated from Placer High School. In 1928 Grace met Herman Tueller and they married in 1930. In 1936 they bought a home in Roseville as Herman worked for the railroad. She continued to work for the Calif Fruit Growers where she had been for some time, and she started attending the Methodist Church. She became a member in 1937 and served as Financial Secretary for 36 years. Their son Ron was born in 1941. Her life was spent in service to others, and spent countless hours engaged in various church activities. Grace died in 1979. She was a very special lady and a great example to all who knew her.

Phoebe Astill —Church Historian

PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

For Bereavement:

Craig Kilpatrick
Hazel Nofz and Family
Kristi Kinzel and Family
Family and friends of the shooting victims in Atlanta & Boulder

For Healing and Comfort:

Walter
Sam
Sharon
Barbara
Andrew
Gene
Terry
Rolly
Kathleen

Thank You!

"I want to thank my church friends for a wonderful and unusual birthday party. For the yard decorations and all those in the "Gathering" who came to wish me a

Happy 102 Birthday.

I appreciate each and everyone of those who came. I also was happy to have Pastor Mahsea and his wife Kawami joining the fun. Thanks also to everyone who sent birthday cards. It was a very special day

Hazel Nofz



Agape Men's Group

During the month of March Madness through our burning questions of the day, we learned about our favorite type of footwear, and basketball memories ranging from attending a Harlem Globetrotter's game to attending Kings' games with seats in the VIP suites. On a more serious vein we shared life events which only can be described as "supernatural" that increased our awareness of God's presence in our day-to-day lives.

Please join us for our Agape Group gatherings on April 1 and 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to Backman Hall. We follow social distancing guidelines and wear masks. Our burning question of the day on the 1st, April Fool's Day, will be: What is an April Fool's joke you played on others or that others played on you?" Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Dave Sechrist, Don Harris, Cliff Williams, and Thom King) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110. It's no joke!!! Hope to see you on April 1 and 15!

Dennis W. Bull



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

10TH CHRISTOPHER GALVIN

18TH CLAIR WILSON

19TH JAN SECHRIST

20TH JULIUS BARHAM

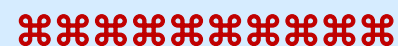
PATTY LOHSE

GABRIEL MCGUIRE

22ND MELANIE KINCHELOE

26TH ISMAEL SANTIAGO

30TH PAUL CRUMBY



Kind words can be easy to speak,
But their echoes are truly endless.

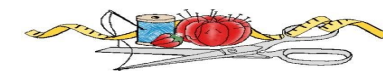
Mother Teresa

Submitted by Susan Reining

Woodbridge Walk

Join us each Sunday morning at 9 AM- Woodbridge Park, 415 Sierra Blvd, Roseville for a "walk and talk" around the park. Or if you prefer there are benches to "sit and visit". We use masks and social distance to stay safe. Remember if it's raining the walk is canceled for that day. Hope to see you Sunday!

3 C's Invite
You to Join Us!
By Barbara Hulse &
Susan Reining



Happy Easter to All!

We are very grateful for all the donations we have received. We have extra craft supplies and miscellaneous items we're willing to share with anyone who likes to do crafts. Or might have a use for something we have. Before going shopping to Hobby Lobby or JoAnn's check with Susan Reining and see if we can provide what you need.

Stay safe and healthy. We are looking forward to getting back to see you all in church and start having our craft fairs and bake sales. Hoping that will be sooner rather than later.

Susan Reining
Barbara Hulse



Recycle March 13th, \$80.00
Please keep saving your recyclables to bring in on Saturday April 9, 2021

in the parking lot
between 9-11am

Thanks to all! It helps our church pay our bills.

Don Harris, Trustee President



FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

Pastor—Mahsea Evans
Lay Leader—Sandy Williams
Certified Lay Minister & Church Council Chair— Kathleen Mirtoni
Treasurer—Chris Handley
Financial Secretary—Elizabeth Harvey
Finance Team Chairperson—Dave Sechrist
Trustees President— Don Harris
Staff Parish Chair— Dennis Bull
Mission Outreach— Kathleen Mirtoni
Memorial— Barbara Schwartz
Worship Team Leader—Nancy Bray
Congregational Care— Gail Provine
Music Director— John Handley
Communications— Kristi Kinzel
Lay Leadership Training— Kristi Kinzel

February Noses, Dollars, and Cents

Basic Monthly Statistics:

Income Feb. 2021: \$14,614.50

Expenses Feb. 2021: \$13,335.84

Net Income Feb. 2021: \$1,278.66

Transfer from Lending: \$2,500.00

New Total: \$3,778.66

Basic Yearly Statistics 2021

YTD Income: \$26,731.35

YTD Expense: \$26,294.48

Net Income: \$238.97

Transfer from Lending: \$2,500.00

New Total: \$2,738.97

Thank you for your continued financial support. It is very much appreciated.

March Worship Online Views
Total: 424 Average: 106

The Monday Feeding Program
for the homeless
served 319 meals in March

The great gift of
Easter is Hope.
Basil Hume

Please make note of these email addresses for First UMC Roseville

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