Seats are available for Good Friday worship tonight at 7:00 pm. Reserve here: Reserve for Worship

Worship online

We have had a great response with reservations for Easter worship. Our 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM are at capacity---thank you!

Easter services will still be offered live online---same link as above.

If you are not signed up for Easter worship and are still interested in attending in-person, please call the church office **by NOON Saturday** 763-856-4561, leave your name, phone, and # of people attending. If there is enough interest, we will add an 11:30 AM in-person worship service.



## Dear St. John Family,

On this Good Friday, may you be reminded of God's radical love. For, by our Savior's wounds, we are healed. By our Lord's sacrifice, we are forgiven. By Jesus' radical love, we are given a new life. That life is lived every time we radically love others---even the "un-loveable".

For our task, as those who follow Him, is to see others through the eyes of Jesus and act accordingly.

This has been an immensely difficult year for many reasons. And yet, humanity seems intent on lashing out at each other. Blame, guilt, shame,

and unfair criticism. It comes in small ways, like an unkind disparagement, or a nasty comment. It comes in big ways, like a system that cares little for those without power and money.

## But our task, as those who follow Him, is to see others through the eyes of Jesus and act accordingly.

For, why is it that we can not look and see that others are struggling too? Why is it that when we hurt, we lash out instead of reaching out? Why is it that we cannot---or will not---see our own actions [or lack thereof] as part of the problem?

Still our task, as those who follow Him, is to see others through the eyes of Jesus and act accordingly.

And act accordingly. And act accordingly. And act accordingly.

Come, Lord Jesus, remember us, and teach us your radical way of love.



My deepest prayer for you is to experience the radical love of Jesus so fully that you can do no other than to love others accordingly.

Then, we will all not only know why it is called "Good" Friday, God's whole creation will see it in us. In Christ's service,

**Pastor** 

Give me, O God, a steadfast heart, which will not be drawn down by unworthy distractions; Give me a courageous heart, which will not be worn out by trials; Give me a pure heart, which no trivial matter may divert. Give me a loving heart to serve you. Give me diligence to seek you, wisdom to share your love, and faithfulness that will finally embrace you one day in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

An email newsletter is sent every week to St. John members and visitors who have given us their contact information. Good Friday family devotions and Children's Bulletins were included this week. Please let us know at <a href="mailto:churchoffice@green-church.org">churchoffice@green-church.org</a> if you would like to be added to our email list.