

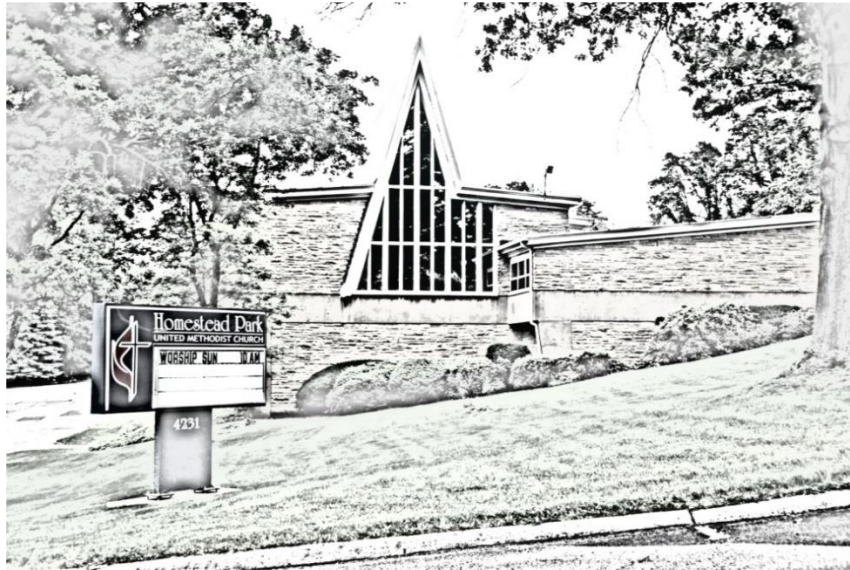


April 25, 2021

Easter Season

Message
How Do We Find Hope?

Scripture:
1 Peter 3: 8-22 NIV



Our Mission

*The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

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Easter Season

HOMESTEAD PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 25, 2021 10:00 am Worship

Pastor Don Kephart ~ Bo Collins, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of Truth, speak to us this hour. Let your words soak into our lives. Let your Spirit flow through our very being. Let your love envelop us that we may live your love in all that we do and in all that we say. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Pastor: Blessed be God, who calls us to love.

People: Blessed be Christ, who shows us the way.

Pastor: Praise be to God's Spirit.

People: Who lives in our life.

All: Praise be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who invites us to worship.

SONGS OF PRAISE

* Please stand as you are able.



PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory
Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

OUR TIME OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF PRAISE

SCRIPTURE **1 Peter 3: 8-22 NIV**

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MESSAGE **How Do We Find Hope?**

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HYMN OF DEDICATION

#370 Victory in Jesus

BENEDICTION

Worship for today is over, but your service to God for the week is just beginning.



Calendar of Events

Today	10 am	Worship Service
Tuesday 04/27/21	7 pm	Tuesday In the "Word" Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Wednesday 04/28/21	6 pm	Church Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall. SPRC Meeting to immediately follow.
Saturday 05/01/21	9:30 am	Homeless Lunch Prep
Sunday 05/02/21		Homeless Lunch Delivery

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to all of my Church family for supporting me and my family and lifting us up in prayer during this difficult time - JoEllen Martin



and Important Dates

A Note from Pastor Don

As more and more people are being vaccinated from COVID, and praise the Lord that spring is in the air, I want to thank everyone for all the work we have done over these past 13 months. A friendly reminder that the pandemic protocols have not been lifted; that means we need to continue to wear our masks, to leave a few feet between you and your fellow worshippers when possible. We are trying to be as touchless as possible. Therefore, we are not collecting items coming from the stores, handing out paper bulletins, passing the offering plates or sharing the microphone for Sunday morning prayer requests. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Holy Communion Schedule

Holy Communion will be held on the **first Sunday of February, June, August, October, and December**, as well as on **Maundy Thursday**.

Our Scripture

1 Peter 3: 8-22 NIV

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For,

“Whoever would love life
and see good days
must keep their tongue from evil
and their lips from deceitful speech.
¹¹ They must turn from evil and do good;
they must seek peace and pursue it.
¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.