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# Signal Light - March 2021

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## *Pastors's Message*

Dear Friends,

Ann Weems, poet, author, dreamer and visionary wrote a poem called “In Search of New Resurrections.” For me, it has been a year of searching for resurrection. A year with a steady stream of bad news and a half million COVID deaths in the country. The church has reluctantly gotten used to sheltering in place. We have gotten used to worshiping in front of a screen without group singing, without passing of the peace, without the ability to break bread together or drink from the cup of blessing in the same room. We have gotten used to a lot more than we thought we could and still we search for resurrection.

In her poem, Weems reminds us that when we become tearless people glossing over the hurt, the oppression, the peacelessness on earth, we become cynical and caustic; resurrection is at risk. It is important to process the sadness in our hearts, to be able to put it in God’s hands and move past it. Most days the Good Friday world still dominates but if we look carefully, we see glimmers of hope signal that resurrection is coming. Diane Butler Bass says that gratitude builds resilience. I would take that a step further and suggest that gratitude helps us see the promise of resurrection.

Today, I’m choosing to focus on things I am grateful for. I am grateful for relief from the Polar Vortex, grateful for more daylight and sunny days! I’m grateful for the tender green shoots of daffodils poking through the leaves in my backyard and the little nubs growing on the lilac bush. I am grateful for drive-through communion on snowy days, for the excitement you expressed when you saw the crosses made by the Worship Team members. I am grateful for vaccines that will allow me to see my son for the first time in a year. Most of all, in this darkest year of my ministry, I am grateful for the people God put in my life to encourage me and give me strength and hope. I am grateful for faith that sustained me through the worst storm in a hundred years. I am grateful for the conviction that a year long pandemic cannot take away our faith and that God is still speaking in our despair filled days. Howard Thurman wrote: “In the stillness of the quiet, if we listen, we can hear the whisper of the heart giving strength to weakness, courage to fear, hope to despair.” Resurrection is coming for those who wait with gratitude.

Faithfully,

*Tim*



# *February Consistory Meeting*

The Consistory met February 22nd .

Katheryn Wegs has been hired on as the Church secretary with Marty's retirement. Marty is able to provide orientation to the job this week and after we return to in person services. Welcome to Katheryn! We also want to sincerely thank Marty for her years of service.

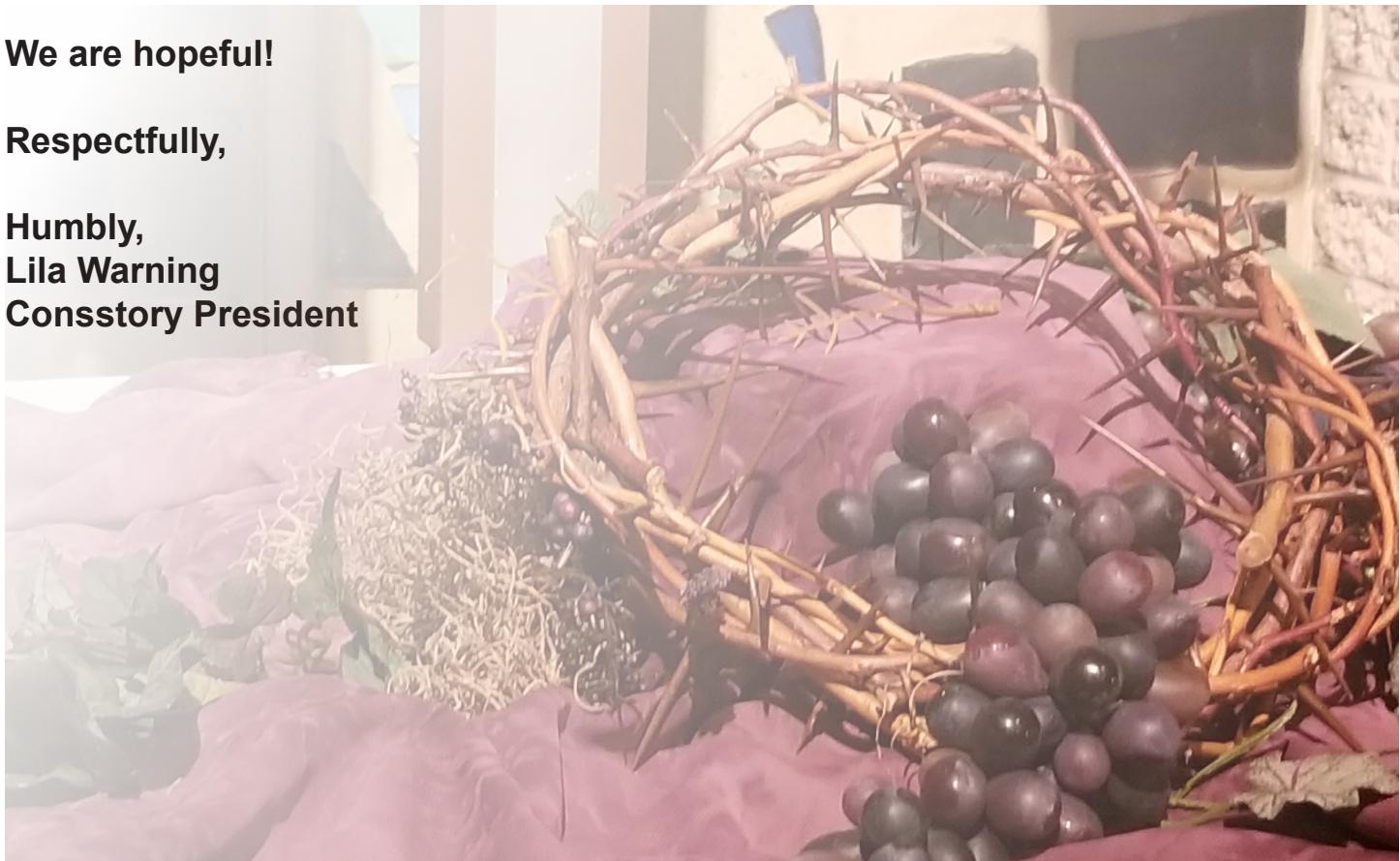
Upgrade to the audio-visual equipment in the church is completed. Some calibration of the equipment to make the images clearer is still in process. When that is complete the final payment will be made to Thompson.

Most of the meeting was a discussion about reassembling in person as a congregation. Multiple safety issues were discussed and we will start with a distribution of the palms on Palm Sunday by a walk through the sanctuary. Easter services will be held outside and we will make further decisions about in person services at the March meeting. Regathering will be in phases and ongoing reassessment will need to happen based on COVID trending, congregational response to safety concerns/instructions and the availability of volunteers willing to serve as ushers and clean-up duties.

**We are hopeful!**

**Respectfully,**

**Humbly,  
Lila Warning  
Consstory President**



# *Lenten Worship Series*

## Blessings of the Dark Wood

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Emptiness - Philippians 2:5-11

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Uncertainty - Matthew 26:36-46

Sunday, March 21, 2021

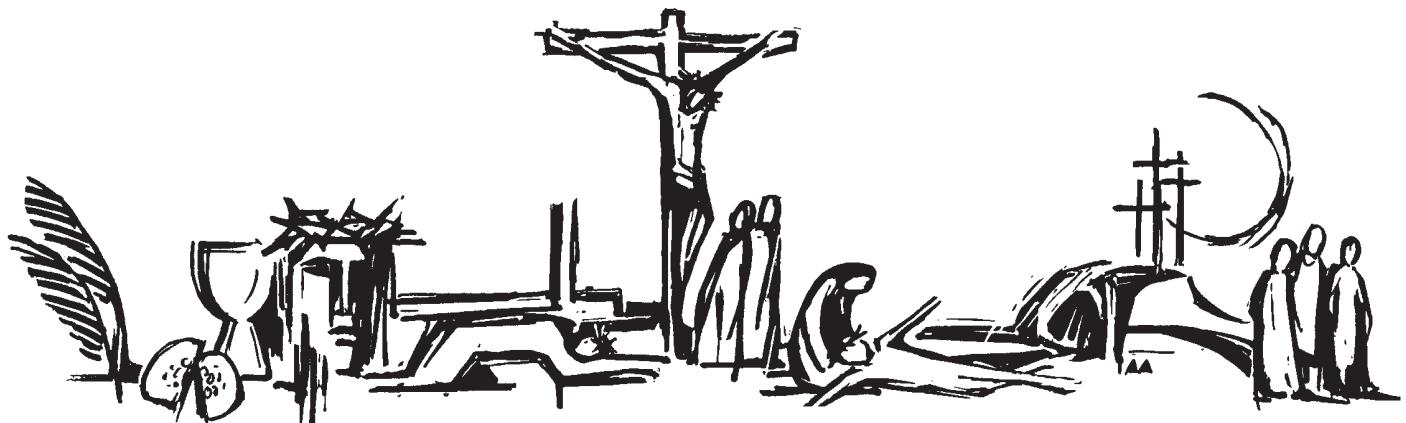
Disappearing - John 18:28-40

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Thunderstruck- Luke 19:28-44



# *Holy Week Schedule*



## **PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION Sunday, March 28th**

The joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem will be celebrated with online worship. We will also have a “Palm Sunday Parade” March 28th from 9:30 to 10:00. We are asking that worshipers enter through the FRONT door, proceed down the center aisle to receive palms. After receiving your palms, you are asked to exit via the side door. Our goal is to have a one-way flow of worshipers through the building. Masks are required and we ask worshipers to maintain physical distance. Please join us on Palm Sunday.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY – GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**

There will be no online Maundy Thursday-Good Friday service posted the morning of April 1. We will remember the events of the Upper Room and focus on the death of Jesus through readings, song and prayer.

## **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP April 4, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

We will post an online Easter celebration on YouTube and provide a link on Facebook. We will also have a LIVE in-person outdoor worship experience at 10:30 Easter morning. We are in the planning stage and more information will be available as we draw closer to Easter.



## *Easter Flower Fund*

Our plan is to purchase some Easter Lilies for our online worship experience. We will purchase fewer than we usually do. To fund this project, we will accept Easter Flower offering gifts throughout Lent. Because of the cost of Easter Lilies, we are not asking individuals to purchase entire plants. Some may wish to contribute a few dollars, which is not enough to purchase a plant. Others may wish to donate toward the cost of two or three plants. The flexibility of this offering allows everyone an opportunity to give toward the beauty of our Easter celebration.

We will not publish a list of donors; however, your giving record will reflect a “special contribution.” Following Easter, our Elders will deliver the lilies to shut ins. This offering also pays for altar flowers for the altar for Holy Week as well as our Palms for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your faithful and generous response to this opportunity.

## *One Great Hour of Sharing*

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women’s empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

# *Memorial Garden 2021*

We plan to give a gift for Trinity's General Fund	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for Trinity's Second Mile Giving (deficit) Fund	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for Trinity's Air Conditioning Fund	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for Trinity's Vacation Bible School	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for Trinity's Foundation Fund	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for Trinity's Love Gift Fund	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for Trinity's Memorial Fund	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for Trinity's Van Fund	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for Trinity's Youth Fellowship	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for the Milo J. Phillipi Fund	\$ _____
We plan to give a gift for _____ <i>(write in fund of your choice)</i>	\$ _____

*In Memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

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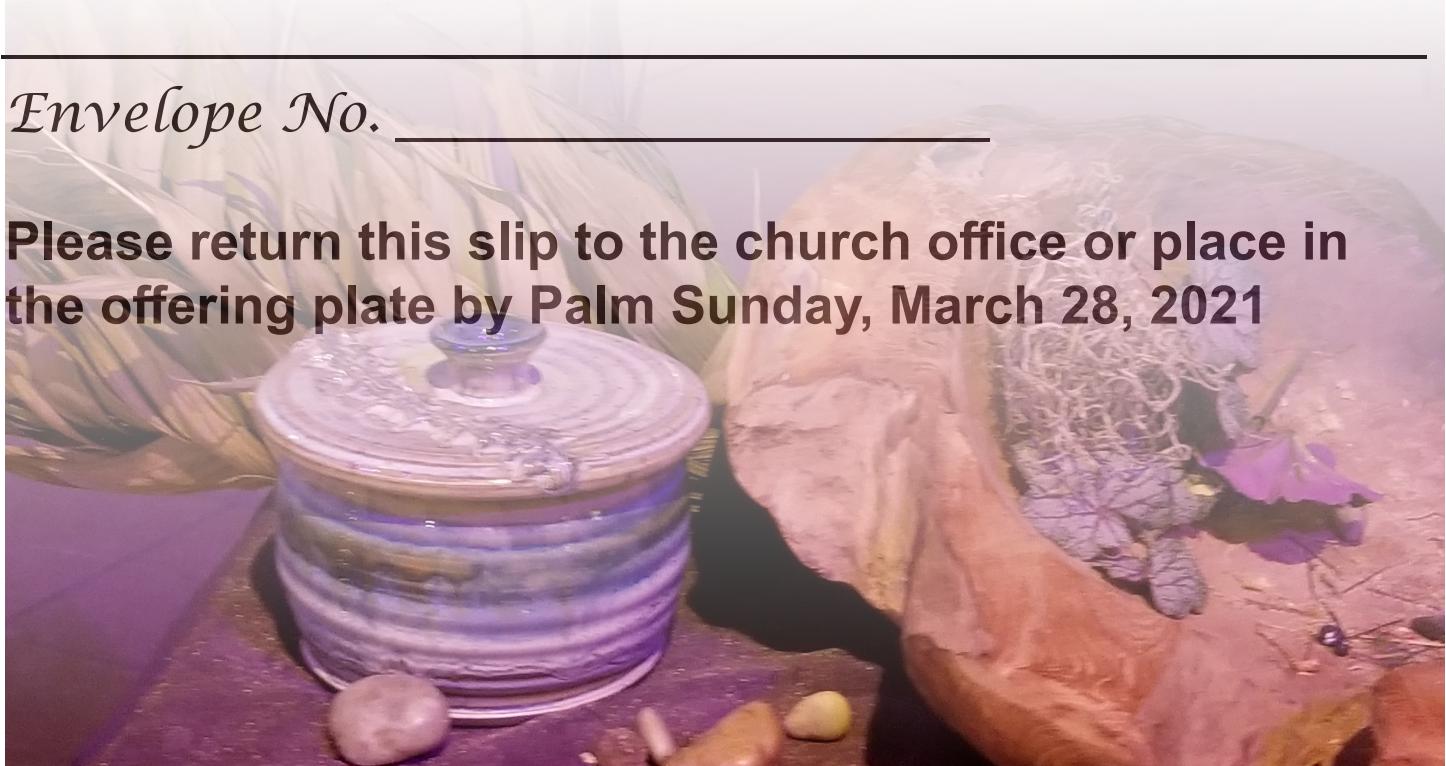
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**Please return this slip to the church office or place in  
the offering plate by Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021**



# *Prayer List*

Joyce Disselhorst, Tim Niehoff, Mike Otten, Lou Ann Goheen, Linda Meyer, Jane Altheide, Norma Moore, Steve Homan, Carolyn Ellerman, Mary Boyer, Donna Nell, Steve Cole, Mavis VanCamp, Glen Hollyman, Dick & Georgia Tournear, Marilyn Griffin, Katie Durk, Judith Stoermer, Carlene Davis, Christian Caley, Steve Lock, Leo Henning, Beka Zwirtz, Mary Jones, Ray Southard, Mildred Crane, Jimmy and Caitlin Garcia, Tim Miller, Jim Foster, Mary Feeny, Bob Standbridge, Glenn Cox, Russell Orr, Sarah Shelley, Donna Braden, Kim Meyer, Phil Worrell, Donna McClelland, Sondi Miller, Mary Dyer, Bill Lahrman, Conner Redington, Ron Gaus, Linda Vandiver, John Rudicil, Marty Ohnemus, Brian Cox, Dr. Kent Palmer, Marilyn VanBlair, Max Miller, Teresa Sweet, Mike Rokita, Lisa Gengenbacher, Dave Holtschlag, Tim Axtom, Jeff Bates, Cindy Trower, Bob Bizer, Kim Stratman, Bill Gilbert, Eli Campos, Sammy Adcox, Alan & Rosemary Fries, Jimmy Steinkamp, Tim Dittmer, Alexandra & Isabelle Durk, Marcia Moss, David Travis, Lori Gordon, Lisa Wood, Briley & Grayson Zibilski, Nancy McCarty, Lori Kraus, Richard Brown, Vicki McColez, Mike & Sandy Schmid, Penny Norton, Kyle Benson, Vickie Fischer, Colin Little, Hayden Wheatley, Jan Lee Wansley, Colette Gaston, Linda Atkins, Vickie Schoffmit, Liam Combs, Steve Withers, Mary Frasch, Prudince McKenadey, Bob McCleary, Ty Sharify, Beverly Hurt, Pauline Poppe, Sydney Jean Meade, Sue Foster, Kristopher Schreacke, Hayden Pegues, Conner Smith, Shirley Martin, Gary Glover, Hannah McVeigh, Evan Mencer, Julie Hamilton, Dustin Humphrey, Carolyn Lauder, Yvonne & David Stone, Millie & Bob Meyer, Mary Loos, Ella Cain, Pauline Willbanks, Mary Chamberlain, Pat Hillerts, Kim Tryon, Carol Holbrook, Allison Weibring, Barbara Savell, Sue Mann, Edna Walker, Al Rankin, Lee Koch, Bennett Dredge, Jeremy & family, Blaine, Jamie, Mike, Toby, Ashley, Stephanie & family, Calvin, Annie, Ella, Rebekah, Carla, Isabella, Katie, Alisha, Tonya, Valerie, Jake, David, Leslie, Alex, Don, Amanda, Philip and the Armed Forces. Please pray for the families and friends of Myron Koch, J.B. Weston, Dr. Bill Koch, Kevin Rockhold, Ginny Tobin and Randy Winget, in this time of grief and those who are recipients of our Love Gift offerings.

# *Trinity Members Hospitalized*

Trinity members hospitalized since the February 2020 Signal Light:Jeff Burns.



# *Financial Update*

In this time when it is not safe for us to meet in person, the church continues to be supported by your gifts. Though our expenses are exceeding income we are grateful for all who continue to mail checks, drop off gifts or use our online giving platform on the website.

We are blessed to have the capability to give to the church through our website. There is a giving tab in the top right corner of the screen. Gifts can be made to general fund giving as well as memorials. The following giving options are available:

- Online giving through the website <https://trinitychurchquincy.com/giving/>

Thank you for your continued financial support. We continue to only make bank deposits every two weeks and it may take a little longer for your check to clear the bank.

## *Memorials*

### **SECOND MILE GIVING FUND**

**To:** J.B. Weston

**From:** Tim White; Jeff & Marty Burns; Roger & Peggy Schoenekase; Jim & Joyce Schrand; Jeff Schuecking; Marjorie Daniel, Kai Ann Orbal & Kent Daniel; John & Greta Read; Imogene Weston

**To:** Ginny Tobin

**From:** Janie Ellerman

**To:** Jim Schuecking

**From:** Imogene Weston

**To:** Don O'Hara

**From:** Sharon Bigelow



### **LOVE GIFT FUND**

**To:** J.B. Weston

**From:** Ken & Anita Laaker; Steve & Snookie Hagood

**To:** Ginny Tobin

**From:** Steve & Snookie Hagood

### **MEMORIAL FUND**

**To:** J.B. Weston

**From:** Donna Tappe; Marilyn Griffin; Mary McCoy; John Dameron & Rhonda Tryon; Brian & Mary Jo Reed; Marilyn Maiers; Larry Gorrell; Kim & Laura Tryon & Brooks, Kristi & Lindsay; David & Wanda Dix; William & Virginia Vasen; Hazel Stewart; Nancy & Peter Foster

### **AIR CONDITIONING FUND**

**To:** J.B. Weston

**From:** Bill & June Lahrman



## *March Birthdays*

3	Christy Frankel	19	Mason Mountain
	Noah Gallaher		Melissa Hildebrand
4	Wilson Rigg	20	Maximus Moore
	Garrett Anderson	21	Junior Fleer
	Allison Rose Lenane		Brenda Trapini
5	Xavier Milsap	22	Jaeden Smith
6	Brian Hankins	23	Tom Reynolds
	Jason Frankel		Brandon Gallaher
8	Katie Durk	24	Sadie Ellerman
9	Taylor Routh	25	Brian Hurt
10	Brett Stiles		Madeline Kemp
11	John Bigelow		Kristan Boyer
	Carissa Spalt	26	Lynn Swanstrom Meyer
	Austin Brinkman		Devin Gallaher
12	Callie Reed	27	Karen Wuestenfeld
13	Kelle McClain	28	Rachel Marshall
	Rachel Meyer		Jontae Hammers
14	Tyler Kelley	29	Grady Ginster
	Jake Kelley		Joey Nagel
15	Nancy Kennedy		Gaige Fenton
17	Kim Higgins		William Cliatt
	Helmut Weid	30	Abby Cain
	Georgia Voss		Christiana Travis
18	Mary Wuestenfeld		D. J. Beasley
	Penny Powers		Nolan DeBoer
			Judy Mitchell



## *March Anniversaries*

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|----|--------------------------|
| 6  | Dale & Mary Wuestenfeld  |
| 20 | Greg & Cheryl Schutte    |
| 23 | Alan & Becky Hartley     |
| 27 | David & Laurie Travis    |
| 28 | Brian & Michelle Hankins |

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