

Worship Planning February 27, 2018

Eastertide: Rise Up!

Below please find the notes from the Brainstorming session added to the images and Scriptures we have to start with.

In attendance: Vince, Norma Line, Melinda, Hanae, Patty, Ferrell, Lea, Pam Johnson, Laura

This Easter Season will bring stories of the Risen Christ, alive and well, among his followers. The Risen Christ calls followers to faithful living in his example. He calls us up out of our comfort zones into mission, into service, into solidarity with the lost, the last, and the least. He calls us to love. This season will include Mission Sunday, Earth Day, a Youth Mission Project, and our Stewardship Drive for 2018. It will also be a season when Pastor Brad is on sabbatical and we all have responsibility for the mission of the church and for welcoming the community into the life of our congregation in his absence. It's time for us to RISE UP with Jesus.



April 1 Easter Sunday

April Fools Day
(No Communion)
Brad Preaching

“Rise Up- The Fool’s Race”
Peter and John on the Run
John 20: 1 – 10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Ideas from Brainstorming:

- Trumpets- we talked about Rick Wilson’s group being unavailable and the danger of hiring professionals because the service becomes a concert. It’s also late to hire professionals. We also asked about the possibility of hiring some high school brass players. It sounded like there may be first service brass players and the idea was entertained of asking them to stay for second service (and offering them a stipend to do so)
- Decorations may have flower theme since flowers rise up in spring (white and yellow)
- Choir anthems: Easter Joy and Garden of Roses
- Flower cross- need to ask people to bring flowers from home and have a few for visitors
- Bunnies hopping in the sanctuary (Don A.)
- The sunrise service will have a different theme and be joint with BFUMC
- Possibility of holding hands/other connections during benediction for this season



April 8 Eastertide

Vince preaching

Rise Up- Not Broken, Just Bent

John 21: 15-17 and Matthew 7: 1-5, 12-14

Vince will introduce both and liturgist (Melinda) will read both:

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ² For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s^[a] eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your neighbor,^[b] ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s^[c] eye.

¹² “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

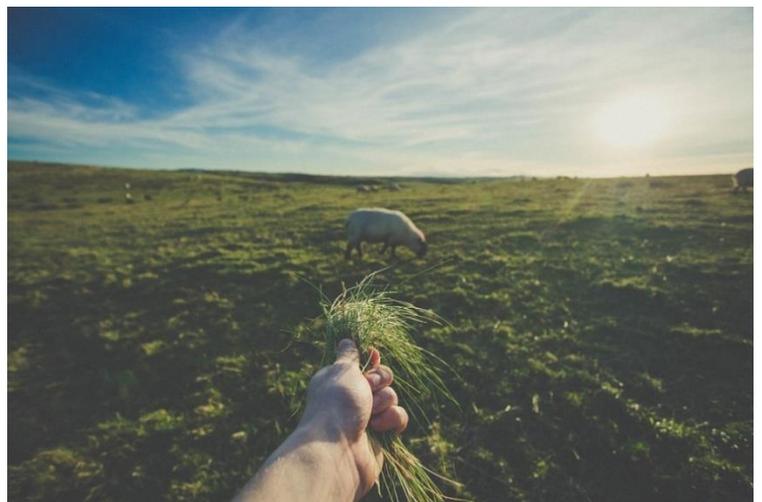
¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy^[d] that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it.

Beginning of stewardship drive

Beginning of youth mission project for Seattle Humane Society (dog food, pet stories)

Ideas from brainstorming:

- Note updated Scriptures from Vince
- Vince is doing Children’s Time
- Communion Sunday
- Song Ideas: Sweetly Broken, Holy Surrender, Unfinished, Joy to the World, Jesus Friend of Sinners, Morning has Broken
- Hanae and Lea both have pet stories if the youth group needs source material.



April 15 Eastertide

Rise Up- Post Resurrection Experiences

Rich Lang preaching

Ideas from brainstorming:

- Handbells playing – Quintet will play Praise to the Lord, the Almighty and When I Survey the Wondrous Cross. Full choir will play I Surrender and Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service.
- Jason only needs to play hymns and the choir can take the Sunday off.
- Since we have no other ideas of what this service is about, we are focusing for now on the “added” beatitude: Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.



April 22 Eastertide

Laura preaching

Mission Sunday/Earth Day
Post Resurrection Experiences
Casting Wide Nets of Resurrection
John 21: 1 – 7

End of Youth Mission Project

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.

Ideas from Brainstorming:

- We thought it best to keep this service simple in terms of the music so we are suggesting that Roger and Jason do the music, with no band and no choir.
- Song ideas: Roger’s Everybody Leave the Temple; Rick’s Faith, Love, Health, and Service; Shine, Jesus Shine; Hear Our Praises
- Miracles
- Banners for Faith, Love, Health, and Service would be nice.
- Worship will be 45 minutes or less at 9am.



April 29 Eastertide

Laura facilitating

Rise Up- Sharing our Stories of Helping Others Rise Up

Post Resurrection Experiences

The Net that Didn't Tear

John 21: 8 - 14

But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards^[b] off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Ideas from Brainstorming:

- Creation Care Theme
- Blended worship style
- Song ideas: God of the Sparrow, This is My Father's World, How Great Thou Art, Inch by Inch (Dorothy and Laura are teaching it to the preschool, so maybe could be convinced to bring it to worship also)
- Possible instrumentation includes drums, bass, and piano with a gospel feel to make it so everyone from both services can feel included
- Local foods potluck after worship, possible guest speaker
- One service at 10am



May 6 Eastertide

Vince Preaching

Pledge Sunday

Communion

Rise Up- Everyday Heroes

Luke 10: 25-29

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.^[a] “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Ideas from Brainstorming:

- Note updated Scripture from Vince
- All about relationships: love God, love neighbor, and how we share God’s love with neighbor
- Evangelism
- Song ideas: Love the Lord, If We are the Body
- Communion Sunday



May 13 Eastertide

Laura facilitating

Mother's Day

Rise up- The Gift of Women in Leadership Creating Change

John 20: 11-18

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,^[b] "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Ideas from Brainstorming:

- Female leaders, doctors, inventors, etc.
- Stories from the congregation about influential women
- Pancake breakfast, prepared by Men's group from 8-11am- do we need to ask if they are up for it again?
- Women's chorus in 2nd service?
- Invite women to participate in band in 1st service: Robbin, Dorothy, Lisa, Patty, Hope, others?
- Possibility of having flowers to hand to each person as they arrive in honor of their mother or someone who has been life-giving for them (concern over cost of this idea, especially because flower fund is planning big things for Easter so will need alternate funding for this if we do it)
- Song ideas: Faith of our Mothers, Woman in the Night, Arise All Mighty Women (http://gbod.org.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/kintera/entry_13748/66/mothersdaybattlehymn-quaresimo.pdf)

