

O praise Him all His mighty works  
There is no language where you can't be heard  
Your song goes out to all the earth  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
O hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

~ Chris Rice "Hallelujahs"

Dear Friends,

As Christian song writer Chris Rice so beautifully conveys, God's glory through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus simply cannot be contained. Along with humanity, all of creation cries out God's splendor. This month we will follow Jesus on this final journey to Jerusalem and the cross and then celebrate His joyful resurrection on Easter morn.

- Join us as we cheer Christ's triumphant entry on April 2<sup>nd</sup> during Palm Sunday worship at 10:30am followed by our annual Easter egg hunt outside, weather permitting.
- Make your Holy Week meaningful by attending Maundy Thursday's (April 6<sup>th</sup>) Tenebrae Service of Shadows featuring cellist Connie Stinnett.
- Easter morning brings two services: 9:00 am Outdoors with Ernie Lyons followed by 9:45 fellowship breakfast; 10:30 am Traditional service featuring the Emanuel Bells

Then we will join all creation in celebrating God's splendor with our Earth Day weekend celebration.

- Join us on Earth Day, Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 pm in our sanctuary to view "Plastic Earth," the first documentary feature film of its kind to cover the solutions and technologies to combat and solve the plastic crisis that our world is facing.
- On Sunday, our casual worship will celebrate God's creation with a focus on plastics this year.
- After worship, join us in fellowship hall for our first potluck dinner since the pandemic. Please sign-up in the Narthex.
- Lunch will be followed by our annual outdoor garden clean-up. Bring garden tools and gloves if you have them.
- Jean and Art Holden will lead the children on a nature hike at Silver Creek Metro Park.

As part of our on-going effort to combat the plastic crisis:

- We are asking our members to start bringing your own refillable water bottle to church in place of using disposable water bottles during fellowship gatherings.
- We are now collecting disposable plastic grocery bags. Please flatten them before placing them in the box in the narthex.

April brings many opportunities to strengthen and exercise our faith. I hope to see you as we worship our Lord through prayer and action.

Blessings,

*Pastor Gaye*