

April 7, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of The Old Scotch Church,

The Worship and Music Commission is branching out a bit with our worship services this week. For Maundy Thursday on April 9, the 7 PM service will be a live Zoom service, with the ecumenical additions of Hillsboro United Methodist, Hillsboro Presbyterian, and Community of Christ Church, a Lutheran congregation. Please join us at 7 PM using this link (not available on public webpage):

<https://cu-portland.zoom.us/j/566086030>

The service will be 'locked' at 7:15 as part of our monitoring, and I invite you to prepare for the service by following these guidelines:

- Have a solid and liquid for communion, such as a cracker and a drink
- Consider slowly darkening the room you are watching from, or sit in a dark room and watch the screen get darker
- Stay muted, as you will be set to mute upon entry
- Use "Speaker View" for one large picture to show whoever is speaking

If you'd like to engage this week in looking at an online Stations of the Cross, you might try the link below, and feel free to add your own favorite music as you read it. Below is Hillsboro Presbyterian Church's compilation.

https://hillsboropresbyterian-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/revbob_hillsboropres_org/Ec-fD-nufapLILUphn6H9BUBF1GWVO5u17inVIU1q_Sb9g

For Easter Sunday, April 12, the Worship and Music Commission felt that our simple pre-recorded services missed out on our traditional glorious music, so we've prepared an audio Easter service for you to listen to, taken from Easter in 2016-17. When we are finally able to return to in-person worship (whenever that is), our service will be our 2020 Easter Worship Service! In addition, the PC(USA) is offering a national Easter worship service, and you can find that link on our church website. We will continue to offer 11 AM Zoom fellowship, with the link to that meeting on our website.

Our sermon title on Palm Sunday was "Fast on Self-Interest and Feast on Compassion." As we engage in acts of compassion this week, may you draw richly from the well of love and grace God has given each of us. If you need ideas for ways to extend compassion, please email or call me for more ideas. One way to extend compassion is to alert others or attend and deliver food from the Friends Church Food Distribution Day on Good Friday, April 10. I've attached a [flyer with those details](#). It's free, has no eligibility restrictions, and you only need to bring a bag.

As you receive a contact call each week, feel free to share prayer requests, and let the caller know if you want those on the prayer list. If you'd like a pastoral call, tell them, or call me at home directly (503.430.7435). For church communications, we will continue to post information to the church website (www.oldscotchchurch.org), the church private Facebook page, and through these emails.

Finally, friends, as we walk through Holy Week, we know our Lord has experienced the depth of fear, uncertainty and grief we wrestle with. God worked the miracle of life beyond all wonders, and we look to our Sovereign God in the resurrection hope to trust in the work of God now. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Tracie