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**“For as by a man came death, by a man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.”
(1 Corinthians 15:21-22)**

HAPPY EASTER



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The Pastor's Message:

The angel told the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.'" (Matthew 28:5-6)

"The Meaning of Easter"

Easter is upon us! The one day of the year when the sunrise will be awaited by untold millions. A day when the songs of the risen Christ like bells of hope -- clear, resonant and harmonious -- will ring aloud over land and sea. A day when we will stand in awe, in the shadow of the cross, upon which hung our bleeding savior, and from which was heard echoing around the world the greatest armistice ever proclaimed -- "It is finished."

Easter is a day on which we will turn from the cross and stand and gaze at an empty tomb, and hear proclaimed the most amazing the most astonishing news of the ages -- "He is not here: he has risen."

What does this day mean? What makes it so profoundly significant for our time? What does it say to us in this hour of tension, bewilderment and war?

In the first place, Easter for us as Christians is a day of joy and victory. We have joy because Jesus' resurrection gives us the assurance of immortality and the victory over death. It means that deep fear of death has been taken out of life. The Apostle Paul said it well when he said, "O death where is thy sting, oh grave where is thy victory? Death has been swallowed up in victory."

Easter is the story of a great discovery -- the discovery that Christ lives. But not only does Christ live, he triumphs! He rose triumphantly from the grave. There is no grave deep enough to hold Jesus. There is no seal strong enough to keep him back -- 2000 years ago, and even today. Easter also reminds us that Jesus is not a memory, but a presence. His is not a figure in time, but a timeless figure.

Jesus' disciples, like many of us today, were troubled and bewildered. They thought that all hope was gone. The world was dark and they were lonely. But when a few of the women decided to look for Jesus anyhow, they heard the glorious news -- "he is not here; he is risen." We too can share in the joy of the risen Christ in this dark hour if we would only seek His face. We must look for Jesus like the women disciples -- no matter what adverse conditions and circumstances face us. We must seek his face through prayer, praise and worship, acts of thanksgiving, kindness and Christian service.

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The songwriter said, “because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone, and life is just the worth the living because he lives!” Easter is the story of a great discovery – the discovery that Christ Lives. Have you made that discovery?

Peace and Blessings!
Pastor Kip Banks, Sr.

The Gift of Life

“We say that flowers return every spring, but that is a lie. It is true that the world is renewed. It is also true that that renewal comes at a price, for even if the flower grows from an ancient vine, the flowers of spring are themselves new to the world, untried and untested.

The flower that wilted last year is gone. Petals once fallen are fallen forever. Flowers do not return in the spring, rather they are replaced. It is in this difference between returned and replaced that the price of renewal is paid.

And as it is for spring flowers, so it is for us.”

— Daniel Abraham, The Price of Spring

**Happy greetings to all those celebrating their Wedding
Anniversary this awesome month of April**

**We extend birthday greetings to all that are celebrating a
birthday in April!**

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EVENTS LEADING UP TO RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9 – 9:15 a.m. – Palms on the Lawn

Thurs April 13 – 6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

Fri April 14 – 12:00 p.m. – Seven Last Words Service @ Ryland Epworth

Sat April 15 – 3:00 p.m. – EWHBC Easter Egg Hunt

Sun April 16 – 7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service; 11:00 a.m. Resurrection Worship

EVENTS AROUND THE DMV AREA

You did not get tickets to the White House Easter Egg Roll? Don't be too sad: Thanks to Michelle Obama's healthy-eating initiatives, sweets are in short supply at that phys-ed junket. Here are a few alternative egg-centric celebrations:

Madame Tussauds Easter Egg Hunt -At the wax museum, kids can search for eggs amid likenesses of past presidents and then trade them for a gift bag. Afterward, they can enjoy an audience with the Easter Bunny and some actual bunnies at a petting zoo. Location -1001 F St. NW; Sat., 8–9:30 a.m., \$25 for one adult and up to three children.

Tregaron Conservancy Easter Egg Hunt - Kids will search for candy-filled Easter eggs among the trails and woodlands of Tregaron Estate, a 20-acre historic country estate on the edge of Rock Creek park. Bring your own basket and RSVP at info@tregaronconservancy.org. Location: 3100 Macomb St. NW, Sat., 10 a.m., free.

National Community Church's Eggstravaganza - At the church's multiple-location Easter celebration, kids can stuff themselves with candy and then work off their sugar highs in an inflatable obstacle course. Register in advance for your kids' egg-hunting time slot. Location: Lincoln Park, East Capitol Street between 11th and 13th streets; Sat., 1–3 p.m., free. Langdon Park, 2901 20th St. NE, Sat., 10 a.m.–noon, free.

Easter Monday at the National Zoo - The National Zoo's Easter Monday celebration features an Easter egg hunt, an appearance by "the Easter Panda," field games and animal demonstrations. The annual event originated in 1891 and became a historic tradition for the city's African-American community that has since grown to include all of the city's families. Location: National Zoo, 3001 Connecticut Ave. NW; Mon., 10 a.m.–4 p.m., free.

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WHO'S LIVING IN YOUR "NECK OF THE WOODS"

According to a few news reports and Wikipedia source, our former President, Mr. Barack Obama and his lovely family, Michelle Obama and two daughters have lived in the Kalorama area of DC since his presidency ended in January. First Lady Ivanka Trumps immediate family also have a home in the same area. Others have brought up a discussion on whether or not the families attend church while they reside in the D.C. community.



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Ponder This!

March 27, 2017

RE: *Concerned Citizen*

Dear Senator Benjamin L. Cardin, Senator Chris Van Hollen, and Representative Jamie Raskin.

During the campaign period for President, it was clear that the presidency of President Trump would impact negatively for minorities, seniors, women, health/social service benefits and immigrations.

As one of your constituents, I urge you to oppose President Trump's proposals that will be devastating to the lives of so many. President Trump is irresponsible, continues to engage in childlike disputes, and lacks compassion or empathy, making impulsive, often untruthful, remarks without regard to the result. He appears to have little interest in being President for all Americans, and communicates poorly with the cabinet he selected.

Because of the power of the presidency, this man is capable of unimaginable harm and every effort should be made to contain him.

Sincerely,

Your constituent,
Barbara Alexander

Wait There is more . . .

“The gifts of the Master are these: freedom, life, hope, new direction, transformation, and intimacy with God. If the cross was the end of the story, we would have no hope. But the cross isn't the end. Jesus didn't escape from death; he conquered it and opened the way to heaven for all who will dare to believe. The truth of this moment, if we let it sweep over us, is stunning. It means Jesus really is who he claimed to be, we are really as lost as he said we are, and he really is the only way for us to intimately and spiritually connect with God again.”

— **Steven James, Story**

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Easter is...

Joining in a birdsong,
Eying an early sunrise,
Smelling yellow daffodils,
Unbolting windows and doors,
Skipping through meadows,
Cuddling newborns,
Hoping, believing,
Reviving spent life,
Inhaling fresh air,
Sprinkling seeds along furrows,
Tracking in the mud.

“Easter is the soul’s first taste of spring.”

**Richelle E. Goodrich, Making Wishes: Quotes, Thoughts, & a Little Poetry
for Every Day of the Year**
