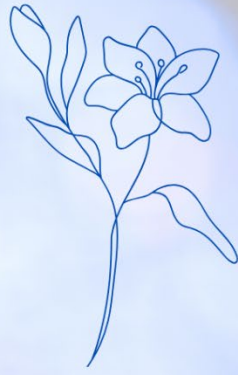


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Lily
Dedications



Easter Lily Dedications

A special thank you to all who sponsored the beautiful lily plants that grace our Sanctuary. Lilies today have been presented in honor or memory of loved ones, or given anonymously to the glory of God and in celebration of Easter.

If you sponsored a lily plant and wish to take it home, you may do so at the conclusion of the last Easter Sunday worship service, during office hours (10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) April 7-9, or on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

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IN MEMORY OF

GIVEN BY

Eric Eaton, our dad	Cathie and Carol
Bob Ball	Ann Ball
Rick Barnes	The Barnes Family
In memory of my parents and family	Shannon Braddock
Margaret Rioch	Diana & Gary Ditto
William & Jean Turner	Diana & Gary Ditto
Eric L. Eaton, life partner and best friend	Bette Eaton
Ramon Falcón	Carlos, Jennifer, Kristina and Carlos Falcón II
Janet Braddock	Carlos, Jennifer, Kristina and Carlos Falcón II
Our dear mothers, Ruth Bowers and Gloria Noonan	Deanna & Ray Hodgson
Andrew Andinda	Betsey Katiti
Robert, Suzanne, and Gregory Dee	Cathy Knepper
Joe & Rosemary McCurry and Tom & Vera Jones	Mike & Debra McCurry
Veronica Adams	Megan Montgomery
Sharon Scott	Sondra Scott
Larry Shinn, beloved husband, father, and grandpa	Nancy Shinn
Edward & Annabel Buchanan, my parents	MaryAnn Steele
Clarence Waldroff	Marybelle Waldroff, Dennis & Kristina Waldroff
Kirk & Rachel Waldroff, and grandchildren Lydia and Jude Waldroff	
Pnut and Diane	Pat & Steve Warren
Our precious parents	David & Debbie Zechar

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IN HONOR OF

GIVEN BY

St. Paul's wonderful pastors, staff, and volunteers	Meg Baker
Jennifer, Carlos, Kristina & Carlos II Falcón	Shannon Braddock
Pastor Sheridan, Pastor Joey, and St. Paul's Staff	Shannon Braddock
Tom, Marvin and St. Paul's Choirs	Shannon Braddock
To the glory of God, who blesses us mightily	The Dean Family
Shannon Braddock	Jennifer Falcón
Our Armed Forces	The Harrell Family
Edie Kirk, friend	Deanna & Ray Hodgson
Erma McWilliams	Wendy Ketcham
Our grandson, Charlie Michael McCurry	Mike & Debra McCurry
My Lydia Circle Sisters	Susan Schwarz
Marvin Mills	Arceli Suley
St. Paul's pastors and congregation	Pat & Steve Warren

The History of the Easter Lily

The lily has long been recognized as a symbol of Easter. Lilies are mentioned many times in the Bible and symbolize rebirth, new beginnings, beauty, and hope. The bulb, although seemingly dead and buried in the ground, gives birth to new leaves and flowers, a reminder of Christ's resurrection and the Christian's continuing hope. Some traditions also associate the white lily with Jesus's mother; Italian Renaissance painter Leonardo da Vinci is among those who depicted the Angel Gabriel handing the Virgin Mary a branch of white lily flowers while announcing Jesus will be her son in the painting *The Annunciation*. The specific variety that we now think of as the "Easter Lily" (*Lilium longiflorum*) is native to Japan's Ryukyu Islands. Specimens were introduced in England and America during the 19th century. In the years between World War I and World War II, an American soldier and flower enthusiast named Louis Houghton brought numerous Japanese bulbs to growers in the Northern California-Oregon region. The *Lilium longiflorum* plant, with its pure white flower, trumpet shape, and strong fragrance, quickly became the favorite lily plant for Eastertide.



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