

Welcome

March 31, 2019

We're glad you're here! You are invited to fill out a blue welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. Please don't feel obligated to donate during our offering. Join us for refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall (go left as you exit).

This Week

Today:

8:45 am Morning Prayer - Rm 2
9:30 am Worship
11:00 am Church School
11:10 am Adult Church School

Mon:

6:30 pm Prayer Group
6:55 pm Women's BSF

Tues:

7:00 pm Deacons
7:00 pm Elders

Weds:

6:30 pm GEMS

Thurs:

7:00 pm Card Ministry

Prayer Commitment: Andy & Tine V, Albania

Upcoming Worship Services

Apr 7 "Fear of Hell" Luke 12:1-7

Apr 14 "Fear of Conquest" John 12:12-16 Palm Sunday

Apr 18 7 pm Maundy Thursday

Apr 19 7 pm Good Friday

Our Church Family

Dave S has had a reoccurrence of cancer, with doctors discovering a mass and activity in lymph nodes. Pray for healing for Dave and peace for Linda & family as Dave faces treatment again.

Ang K is still at Manor Care and will be evaluated this week. She is doing well and looking forward to going home.

Announcements

Council Nominations: Ballots for members are in mailboxes today. Nominees for Deacon are: Brad H, Neal M, Ken S, Deb V, Doug W, and Tim Z. Elder nominees are: Jim B, Brenda C, Greg F, Sue H, Elaine H, Bev H, Bill J, Doug T, and Tom V. Please vote yes or no for each nominee and return your signed ballot to the box in the foyer by next Sunday. Selection is on April 14.

Tinley Park Food Pantry donations will be collected today.

Easter Flower Orders are due today. Pick up a purple order form in the foyer and return it with \$10/plant to Jan B's mailbox or the church office. Make checks out to Faith Church.

The Faith 40+ Singles Fellowship would like to invite anyone who is single and over 40 to a game night at 6:30 on Friday, April 26, at church. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Text Carla W for more information.

Journey of Joy Fulfilled has been cancelled this year.

Election Day: Greeters are needed this Tuesday from 2-4pm and 4-7pm. To volunteers, contact Jan (708-532-8300 or tpfaithcrc@sbcglobal.net).

Regular Attendees: If you would like to receive prayer news and announcements via emails, or if you would like a church mailbox, contact the church office (708.532.8300 or tpfaithcrc@sbcglobal.net).

Library Books and DVDs for kids: Books - When You are Brave, Remarkably You, and Be Kind; DVDs - "Charlotte's Web" and "Charlotte's Web 2". Check the Spring and Easter book list for more.

Severe Weather Policy: Unless an announced tornado watch or warning expires or is lifted at least one hour before any scheduled Faith Church event, that event is automatically canceled.

Self-Help Jobs (located in the west wing) helps unemployed and underemployed people of all ages and skill sets learn to navigate job search methods to find job leads and become employed. We also assist business owners to find qualified people, entrepreneurs needing advice, and students needing internships and summer jobs. Call Laura at 708-633-6580. Office hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Worship Service: 9:30 am

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Message Notes

Prelude

God Gathers His People

- *Call to Worship
- *God's Greeting
- *We Greet Each Other

*Opening Songs

Indescribable

How Great is Our God

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message

(Walk-Out Worship children age 3-K go downstairs;
guests welcome!)

Prayer of Illumination

Bible Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 (page 1524)

Message: ***Fear of the Unexplainable***

Prayer

We Respond to God's Word

*Song of Response – *I Stand Amazed*

Announcements

Prayer of the People

Offering: Benevolence– a fund established to help those
in financial need in our congregation and our community

During Offering – Honduras Update

Song of Dedication – *Build My Life*

God Sends Us with His Blessing

*Blessing

*Sending Song – *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

Message: Pastor Chris P

Matthew 17:1-9
Fear of the Unexplainable

As we read/here this story from a safe perspective there are a lot of interesting biblical details coming together in this moment. But imagine you were there. You see 2 important dead guys talking to your teacher. A cloud envelops you and a voice talks to you. How do you respond?

- What is your threshold for mystery(ies)?

Looking for the meaning in the Bible but missing the Questions

+This story is a confluence of stuff. It is easy to bullet point a lot of important & interesting details.

*What might God be saying to you/us in this text?

+The Rabbinic image of a biblical story as a Gem—"Turn the Gem..."

Apocalypse—the Curtain comes back

This is an apocalyptic moment—that doesn't mean an end of the world thing. This first and foremost means an unveiling. The curtain comes back and shows us something behind the scenes. In this case we get a reverse *Wizard of Oz* kind of moment.

*Is this a glimpse of the divinity of Jesus embedded in the humanity of Jesus??

The Glory of God—it is heavy!!

+In this moment the disciples experience the glory of God (and glory of Jesus too!)

+The Hebrew word for glory is *kavod* it means heaviness. Think "This is heavy!" or feeling the overwhelming weight of the moment.

**"Don't tell anyone..." Would you want to tell people about this or would you think it would make you look crazy?

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

Ken & Deanne S
Bryan & Tiffany S
Dave & Linda S

Roving & after church

Dave P
Sheryl R
Jan V

Ushers

John A
Jim B
Tim Z

Nursery

Penny D
Jan B
Matt V

Walk-out Worship

Liz B
Marley B

Librarian

Dawn T

Coffee setup – Mar.

Ken H
Val H

Open & close church – Mar.

Rich D
Peter V

Offerings

General Fund
PASS Network for Life

Next week

Doug & Dawn T
Gary & Becky T
Mark & Nancy T

George Z
Ken H
Karen V

Sam V
Fred H
Brad W

Sandee D
Bethany L
Liz B

Nancy G
Mitzee D

Nancy T

Apr.
Mitzee D
Julie V

Apr.
Mark T
Jim D

Next week
General Fund



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