

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Loving God & Loving Others = worship + missions



The month of April reminds us that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is an “every Sunday” celebration during which we come together to receive the fruit of the cross and resurrection of Jesus—the forgiveness of sins and the certainty of eternal life with God. Easter is also an “every day” celebration in which we live each day trusting in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is “the resurrection and the life” (Jn 11:25) for us.

So what do we do now as we go forth from the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of the first witnesses of the empty tomb. After the two angels reminded Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women that Jesus had risen, St. Luke tells us that “they remembered the words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest” (Lk 24:8-9, emphasis mine). They went forth from the tomb changed by the resurrection of Jesus. They went forth from the tomb to bring an “every day” witness of God’s power over Sin, death, Hell, and Satan himself.

God Bless

Pastor Joseph Tomich

A Stunning Reversal
By Suzanne Nicholson

Broken

An Easter Poem

death has the last word.
We cannot say
Life has won.
Your eyes have opened:
the pain
the suffering
the abuse
ending all
joy

Oxygen in Your lungs
now struggling, depleted, defeated:
The Devil
smiling that knowing smile.
God
help me.
stories of old
floating in my mind,
so many promises
broken and poured out—
It is done.

(Now read the lines from bottom to top.)

LIKE A TREE "PLANTED BY THE WATERS"

Are you planted by the waters? Are you trusting Jesus in every area of your life? Some years ago, our house developed a major water blockage, and I was using a water-hose in a desperate attempt to un-stop the main drain. To say that I, and everything around me, was completely soaked would be an understatement. As might be expected the phone rang, and with the gushing water-hose in one hand I answered the phone with the other; without even saying "hello" a voice on the other end blurted out, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the water!" God definitely has a sense of humor! My Mother, who had no idea what I was doing at the time, was quoting what has become one of my favorite Scriptures.

"But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.

He will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit."

Jer 17:7-8 (NIV)

Years later, in the midst of a morning devotion, I sensed the Holy Spirit ask, "Do you trust me in every area of your life?" Again the Scripture in Jer 17:7 came to mind. I knew this Scripture by heart, but this time it had a much deeper message.

Perhaps for the first time, I realized that God was describing a lifestyle that is based on complete trust and confidence in Him. He was asking, "Do you trust Me in every area of your life, for anything you may encounter?"

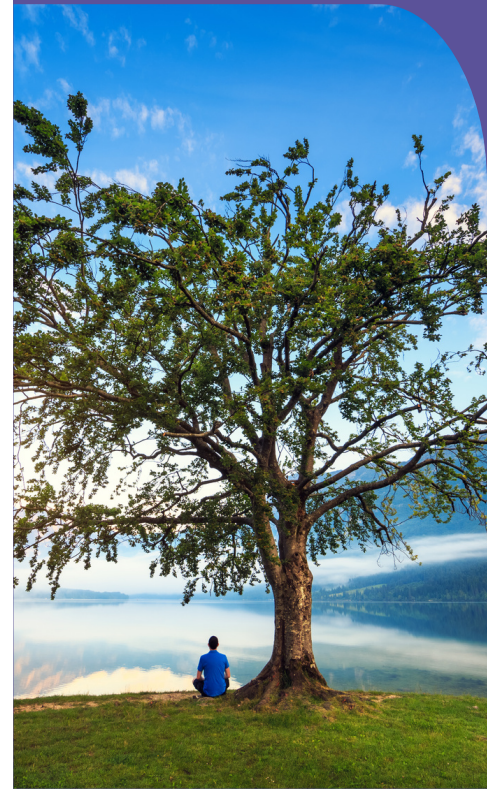
So I ask, are you trusting in Jesus for all your needs, in every area of your life? There is confidence in knowing that He will be with you in every situation and that He promises never to leave or abandon you. (Heb 13:5)

If you will trust in the Lord, He will be there to help with decisions, temptations, illness, social situations, and whatever you may encounter. You will find renewed trust, hope, and a deeper walk with Him.

In good times, tough times, or in a year of drought, you can be like the tree by the waters that does not fear or worry; whose leaves are always green and never fails to bear fruit.

When your trust and confidence is in the Lord, you are blessed. It's His promise!

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Reflections of Three Women.
Each Under the Watchful Eye of God

This event celebrates the stories of Esther, Mary Magdalene and the woman at the well

Presenter: Barbara Wooldridge of Jacksonville

Saturday: April 13, 2024, 10 am - 2 pm
Registration: 9:30 - 10 am
Location: Virginia United Methodist Church,
401 E. Broadway Virginia, IL

Program: Songs/Breakout Groups/Free Lunchbox
Sponsored by the Virginia Christian Women's Fellowship

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