

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the deeds of the Lord,
discovered by all who desire them.
They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

Psalm 111: 1-2, 8-9



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The world is moving towards Easter... through Lent. That's the 40 days (plus Sundays) leading up to the big day. It's when we focus on remembering the sacrifice and suffering of Jesus, the suffering of the world, and our role. I've heard some people comparing this COVID year as one long extended Lent.

Thankfully it doesn't end there. It keeps going to Easter, which shows a big theme in the Bible. There is pain caused by people and nature, but God is bringing redemption. One of the names for God in the Bible is 'The Redeemer'. This name is used for somebody who intervenes to help a family member. It could be to pay a debt, but it is generally about making life better; like the modern definition of redemption.

The great thing about Easter is that it shows us that Jesus brings redemption to everything - to life, to death... and even to this year of COVID. I don't know yet what it will look like. I do have faith that God is working to make the world not just better; but to make it healthy in every respect.

As we head towards Easter, I would like to invite you to help with some activities. We've included some activities to spark your creativity. There's a couple of palm branches you can colour to either wave on Palm Sunday (Feb 28), send to the church for me to use in our worship, or put up at your place. You'll also have noticed the tissue paper. The idea is that you can create an Easter stained 'glass' window. You can cut out one of the enclosed pictures and glue in the tissue paper, or create

your own. When finished you can put in your window, or drop it at the church and I'll put it in our windows there. If the Spirit inspires you in other ways, please celebrate the invitation.



Another way that we are moving towards making our corner of the world better (redemption) is through plans to reopen the building. Session talks about this regularly and is updating our plans. In order to open safely we will have to invest in various types of equipment. We have plans for clear shields to go around the singers. We are also looking into quality air filters for when we can't open the windows. Your support is most appreciated.

Christ is Risen!

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