



In the Garden

Many of us came to our Church garden on Easter Sunday to worship the Risen Christ. We were greeted by a beautiful flower-decorated cross and butterflies planted among the bushes. In spite of the gray skies, rain spatters, and chilly temperature, it was a glorious occasion. As we sat in a semi-circle singing the familiar Easter hymns, listening to Ryan on the organ, Carol on the harp, Grace on the violin, and Pastor John on the guitar, we were reminded of the age-old tradition of praising God for eternal life. Pastor John's sermon encouraged us to carry the Easter message to those who are hungry to hear it, including those like Peter who desperately need forgiveness. As Gloria extinguished the candle, the service ended, but we continue to be Easter people.



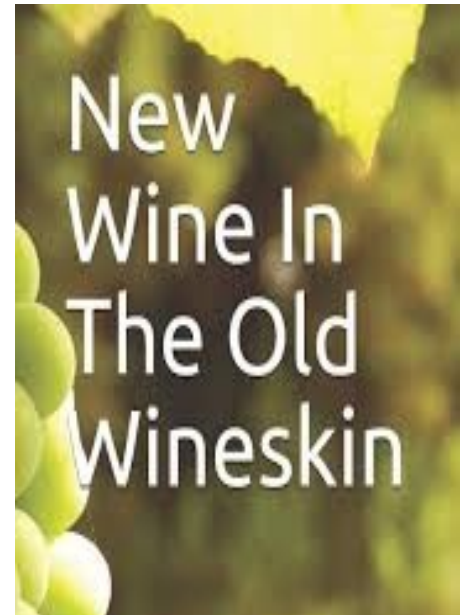
So whether you were physically present in the garden, or worshipping from your home, it was a beautiful morning. For He is risen. He is risen indeed!

Linda Hodge, Lay Leader

WHAT IS COMING UP?

Sermon Titles in the Month of April & May

April 18th	"A Call to Reframing"	Luke 5: 33—39
April 25th	"I Must Lead Them Too."	John 10: 11—18
May 2nd	"I Am the True Vine."	John 15: 1—8
May 9th	"I Chose You!"	John 15: 9—17
May 16th	"I'm No Longer in the World."	John 17: 11-19
May 23rd	They're Full of New Wine!	Acts 2: 1—21



An online Live streaming worship service link is provided to the congregation by email at 10:45am each Sunday. Please contact the church office @ 206.232.3044, or miumc@hotmail.com if you need any assistance to join virtually in worship.

The link is also available on <https://www.facebook.com/mercerislandumc/>

The Spring Months

April 4th	Easter Sunday Worship @ 11am
April 11th	Ad Council Meeting @ 10:30 am through Zoom.
April 18th	Leadership Training
April 25th	Youth Confirmation Class @ 1:30pm
May 2nd	The Holy Communion Service
May 9th	Mothers' Day
May 23rd	The Holy Baptism & Confirmation
	Pentecost Sunday

Every Sunday 9:30 am - 10:30 am Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

Every Tuesday 7:00 am - 8:00 am Telios Bible Study through Zoom

Every Tuesday 9:30 am -10:30 am Tuesday Fellowship through Zoom.

Every Wednesday 9:30 am - 10:30 am Wednesday Weeders @ the Church Garden

WHAT HAPPENED?

Youth Confirmation Class with Holy Communion



The Youth Confirmation Class made 30 snack bags and delivered them to Tent-City 3 on Maundy Thursday

Special Thanks to Linda Hodge, mentors, and those who donated food.



A Coordinator, Tim Croll, a members of Seattle UCC church (currently hosting Tent-City 3) shared his story.

‘Prayerful Reflection hours’ were held in our Sanctuary on Good Friday afternoon. We appreciated Judith Hullin’s organ music and a space we were allowed to stay and pray during Holy Week.

STORIES TO SHARE



I pulled out some photos from my folder of flower images. And I also was reminded of the poem -April showers bring May flowers. Here is what I found on Google which even contains some wise words of wisdom:

"April showers bring May flowers" is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed -- even an abundance of flowers in May.

"April showers bring May flowers" is also a lesson in patience, and one that remains valid to this day. - Darolyn Quayle

Welcome Theodore Bayard Dudley born March 19, 2021 to Mac and Chloe Dudley. Pictures of older brother, Bronson, and older sister, Marquette with their younger brother.



Quick trip to Telluride with Gma & Gdud.

The road to New Mexico accompanied with her cousin and her two dogs

Sanny Bold's New Address :

**116 Rancho Viejo Blvd.
Santa Fe, NM 87508**



DOERS OF THE WORD

As **In-Person Worship and Adult Sunday School** resume, it is important for us to understand the following safety guidelines to prevent the spread of contagious viruses and to help protect each other. Plus, the characteristics of gathering indoors carries an elevated risk of transmitting the virus simply by being present, so if someone in your household has any symptom(s) or 'yes' to the Covid-19 related questionnaires below, please immediately notify the church and refrain from attending for your safety and the safety of others.

Face masks will be required to be worn at all times. (children under age 2 should not wear a mask, but children between ages 2-5 are strongly recommended to wear a face covering at all times with the assistance and close supervision of an adult.)

Questionnaires:

- * Has anyone in your household (including yourself) had any of the listed symptoms in the past 14 days, not caused by another condition: fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?*
- * Have you had contact with anyone that you know had COVID-19 or COVID-like symptoms?*
- * Have you had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days?*
- * Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told you to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about the COVID-19 infection?*

Special Offering to El Dios Viviente UMC

We'd like to continue our partnership with our sister church, El Dios Viviente. They have a food distribution ministry in their local neighborhood every Wednesday and Friday from 3-5pm. If you'd like to contribute, please make your check to MIUMC indicate El Dios Viviente in the memo section.

"It begins one month after the covid-19 pandemic began in our state of Washington distributing among the members of the church El Dios Viviente 27 bags of food, each bag contained cheese, bread, juice, tortillas, eggs, rice, beans; each member of the church who had the economic possibility to buy food was invited to buy to share with those who did not have, especially people who had already lost their Jobs for the covid-19 pandemic.

As the days passed the need for food increased rapidly in many families, people members of the congregation so also people from the community in general, we knew that it was necessary to have more food available to respond to this basic need.

God is good after a time of prayer in the congregation, search and coordination job doors were opened, more people from the congregation, people of the community, SeaTac district sister's churches, organization like Jubilee and some food banks began to support this program, but on some occasion the help has not been enough because there are always new people in search of food in our community

Actually, the feed program helps 700 families per week, 350 families on Tuesday and 350 families Friday, feeding a total of 2450 people per week. Thank you for your support!"



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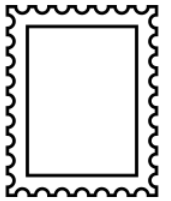
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