



The Red Door

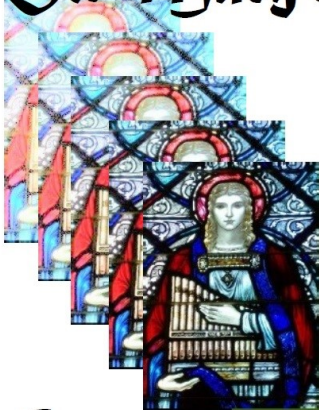
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

April 2019

He Is Risen!

234 N High St
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Music at St. Mary's



Concert

Series

2018-2019

Wayside Winds

25 April

3:00pm

Reflecting on the Easter to come I am struck by the thought of the people who knew Jesus. What did they think? What did they feel? What did they know?

Murder was a way of life with the existence of the Roman soldiers. If they felt the Jews were being rowdy or out of control, they were quick to regain some order by using whatever means possible.....even death. Young and old alike witnessed loved ones being killed or beaten

severely for little known offenses. So, what was it like to witness Jesus being beaten nearly to death then hung on a cross? Too much to imagine.

Our world has not changed too much, I'm sad to say. The news in the world covers everything that is disruptive and we hear about all of it. So, if Jesus died today, we would know by 6:00 news! Every gory detail about the beating, trial and hanging!

But those who were there and saw their beloved Jesus face Pilate's angry rant and watch the whippings never expected the crucifixion to end the earthly life of Jesus.

But that was not the plan. God's plan anyway. We know the rest of the story but do we really understand why the plot had to end in death? Join us Easter Sunday morning for the rest of the story!

Rev. Judi +

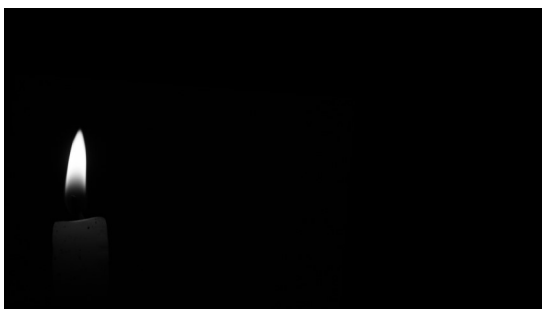
Be The Light

Kyle Lawson

Today Reverend Judy preached a wonderful message on we as Christians "being the light". During the service we were asked to close our eyes and imagine total darkness and the impact even the tiniest of lights will have in the midst of absolute darkness.

Now as I take a moment to reflect I can't help but think I understand the light and I embrace the light, but do I understand darkness? The world is full of uncomprehensible tragedies that happen back to back it seems, yet most times they are a world away. It seems to nearly always happen somewhere else or to someone else and we feel the pain but we can not connect to its depth.

So I started thinking at more of a local or personal level and it becomes all the more real. When I think of the darkness, I think of all the Father-Son time that never happened. The Mother who stays up late thinking does she have the strength to leave. The splitting up of siblings, the laughter that never happened, the birthday parties that never occurred. All this as a result of the robbery of alcoholism and addiction.



In my heart I mourn for addicts and victims of addictions. When I think of those who suffer from addiction I think of the dark hole that they call reality and how it must be filled with depression, suffering, loss, regret, shame, hopelessness and countless other emotions of despair and the like.

It is in knowing pain, struggle and hurt that
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APRIL NEWS

Simple Supper, April 3: @ St Mary's, 6 pm

Simple Supper, April 10: @ Peace Lutheran, 6 pm

Saturday, April 6, will be a **Vestry Workday**. Begins at 9am and continues to noon. The Vestry will be in the conference room.

Palm Sunday, April 14: Along with our traditional Palm Sunday activities, we will have a brunch following our worship. No need to bring anything, just come and enjoy!

Seder Meal, Wednesday, April 17 (Holy Week): This year's Seder Meal will once again be at Jennie Harner's home. There will be a sign-up sheet in Lacy Hall. Because of limited space, only those who sign up will be seated.

Maundy Thursday, April 18: Washing of the Feet service will be in the Sanctuary at 7pm.

Good Friday, April 19: Stations of the Cross service at 12 noon in Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 21: Worship at 10 am with Baptism. Liam Singleton will be Baptized during this service.

Because Maggie's office is open, we ask that her office items not be used and then misplaced. If you need a stapler, use Maggie's, but please replace it. This goes for all her office equipment. Thanks.

Mark your calendars for a very special Music At St. Mary's. October 13, we will welcome Andrew



Sords, violinist, who has performed around the world!

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

I was listening to the radio one afternoon when a well known radio personality started telling a story. It went something like this: an elderly, retired preacher was walking down the street in a not so nice part of town when he happened to look down an alley and saw a little boy with birds in a cage. Being curious, he went back the alley to talk with the little boy and saw that the boy was not being nice to the birds at all. He asked the boy why he had the birds and didn't let them go. The boy replied that he wanted to play with them, but the preacher soon saw that the boy's idea of play was to hurt and tease the birds. The preacher asked if he could have them and the boy replied, "Why would anyone want them? They aren't pretty. They can't do any tricks or sing a pretty song. They're just ugly birds and you would always be cleaning up after them." The preacher asked if he could buy the birds. The boy wondered how much he was willing to pay. The boy thought a minute and finally said, "\$3.00." The preacher dug into his pocket and came up with all he had: just \$3.00 and gave it to the boy who smiled and ran off thinking what a good deal he had made. The preacher opened the cage door and set the birds free.

Christ may have had a similar experience with Satan. Seeing Satan with a cage filled with humans, he asks why he had them. To which Satan replied, "I want to tease and torture them and do things to them when I want." When Christ asked if Satan will give them to Him, Satan replied, "Why would you want them? They will only cheat, steal, murder, commit adultery and just disappoint you all the time." Christ then asked if Satan will sell them to Him. Satan got a pleased look in his eye and agreed. Christ asked what he wanted for the humans. "Your blood. All of it." was the answer Satan gave. Christ agreed without hesitation.

The radio personality usually finished with "and now you know the rest of the story."

And we do know the rest of the story, or we should. At this time of year, the Easter Season, we remember the price Christ paid for our sins and salvation. Of course, it's what we should remember all the year, regardless of the season. We can take a few days out of our busy schedules to remember the sacrifice He made for us then, now, and always. Forgiveness, redemption, and salvation are there for us. All we have to do is ASK.

Bob Lowell

Senior Warden



Look who stopped by to visit The Academy!

Vestry Meeting Minutes 2/17/2019 APPROVED

- ◆ Members present: Betsy Miller, Kim Haines, Bob Lowell, Kyle Lawson, Sandy Ferrell, Judy Franklin and Rev. Judi Wiley.
- ◆ The Academy Preschool: Stephanie Williams Administrator of The Academy Preschool met with the vestry to discuss how the school is progressing and ways to get more students. We now have six students at this time. The school is now in the process of applying to the state for a three- star rating. This will increase payment per child.
- ◆ January minutes for last months meeting were read and approved. Sandy Ferrell motioned Betsy Miller second.
- ◆ We have a court date of March 6th on our copier problem.
- ◆ Anyone may put articles in our newsletter The Red Door. Have them to John Glaze by the 20th of the month.
- ◆ Rev. Judi Wiley will be working on starting a new-comers group. Ushers need to encourage visitors to sign the book.
- ◆ Voting delegates for the annual convention are: Kyle Lawson, Bob Lowell, Kim Haines, and Judy Franklin. Anyone may attend the Convention. The annual convention will be held on November 8th and 9th at Roberts Center in Wilmington Ohio.
- ◆ Sandy Ferrell was designated Treasurer. Sandy Ferrell, Bob Lowell and Judy Franklin will be able to sign checks for the church.
- ◆ Property taxes are due, as a church we should be exempt no one has filed an exemption, instead they file a complaint. Bob Lowell will be filing an exemption.
- ◆ Bob Lowell and Sandy Ferrell will be working on the Parochial report that is due on March 1, 2019. The Vestry will also be starting on a Mission share review as soon as the paperwork gets here.
- ◆ Discussion on a year long calendar was discussed. It would contain due dates for reports, local church activities and any other dates needed for church business. It will be posted in the church office and each month in the newsletter.
- ◆ Motion to Adjourn was taken after prayer by Rev. Judi Wiley, Kyle Lawson and Kim Haines approved.

Serving Schedule for April

APR	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER	TORCHES	USHERS	INTERCESSOR
7	Connie Reynolds	Sandy Ferrell	Larry Wiley Rob Harner	Dallas Harner Ty Harner	Carol & John Joy	Deanna Flinn
14 Palm	Passion of Jesus Christ	Bob Lowell	Larry Wiley Dallas Harner	Rob Harner	Andrea & Ty Harner	Karen Vlaskamp
21 Easter	Jim Heathcote	Sandy Ferrell	Larry Wiley Rob harner	Ty Harner Dallas Harner	Kyle Lawson Royal Lawson	Betty Heathcote
28	Sandy Ferrell	n/a	Connie Reynolds Bob Lowell	Ty Harner Rob Harner	Deanna Flinn Shirley Gilliam	Lynn Lowell

Where Are My Blessings? - Part 2

5. There is unconfessed sin in your life. If you are being disobedient in your life or habitually sin, it messes up your relationship with God. His blessings are for those who love Him and surrender to Him and His ways. James tells us to "wash your hands and purify your heart and He will lift you up."

6. You are being directly impacted by the company you keep. If you are being obedient and responsible, but the other one on your bank account isn't, there's the problem.. God doesn't punish us, but we sometimes share the consequences of another's sin or irresponsibility. We get insnarled in their deceit. God's eyes are on the faithful.

7. Your prayers are for show. Praying in public is not the time to show off. It's not the time to scold others, to gossip, or curry respect.

8. You put your faith in superstitious nonsense. Don't put your faith in the power of your actions instead of the power of God. Don't repeat the same prayer over and over by rote! Matthew tells us "do not heap up empty phrases." The time or place of the prayer doesn't increase its effectiveness. You don't have to go to Israel to pray for peace in the Middle East.

9. There is insincerity in your prayer. It's wrong to pray when you don't. mean it. Asking God to provide for your family when you have no intension to work, curb your spending or avoid debt is just irresponsible.

10. You forget to honor God. Your prayer should praise God, worship God, and thank God for all he has done for you. There must be no other god in your life. Stay focused on the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God loves you and wants the best for you, but it is in His time and pace

Karen Vlaskamp

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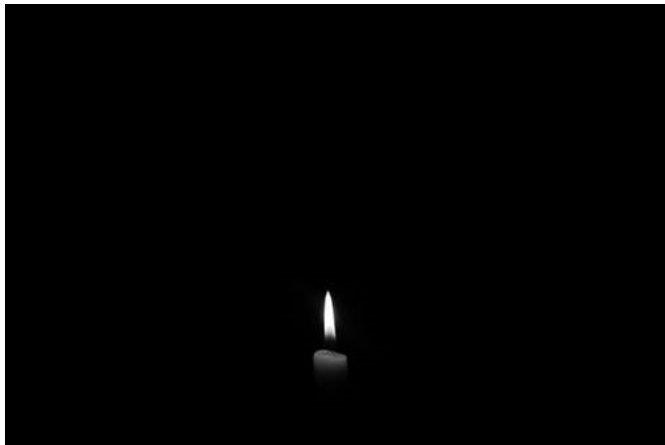
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Be The Light (continued)

we can even begin to understand how great the Love that God has for us. "Being the light" to me is remembering that I'm not so different then they, only true difference is I've been redeemed. It is in the Love and Joy of Christ that I am capable of anything worthy, including Loving others as Christ has intended.

God through your Love, Mercy and Grace may we all shine your precious and Holy light so that others may find hope in you as we have.

Kyle Lawson



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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with
HEALING PRAYERS: 12:00 noon