

“The Calvary Corner”

THE RAMBLING OF PASTOR REPPA

Dear Calvary Family Members and Friends,

March 31, 2021

Last night as I was taking the dogs outside, I noticed there was no moon. I thought that was strange, since on Sunday was the full moon. That is of course why Easter is this coming Sunday. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the equinox.

I stood in the yard and looking at the sky when my eye caught a glow in the southeast. I looked at my watch and it was 10:02 pm. I was still for the next 5 minutes and watched the moon rise. It was absolutely beautiful. This made me start thinking about how people will get up early to watch the sunrise, but few people talk about the moonrise. There may be good reason for this. Of course, this is just my thinking.

The sunrise is a few minutes different from one day to the next. You know the direction the sun is going to rise and where it will set. I made the mistake one time thinking that the moon was just as predictable. It was an evening of a full moon; I and a friend of mine were sitting on one of the docks and she asked about staying and watching the moon rise. I encouraged her to do so and told her that “yesterday it was about 8:15pm so it should be about 8:20 or 8:25 tonight.”

We sat and talked and waited and talked and waited and then she asked if I really knew where the moon rose. I was sure of the place but certainly was doubting the timing since it was already 45 minutes late. (Reppa’s timing – not God’s) We did see the moon rise that night and it was beautiful, but I learned that night that the moon’s schedule is not as predictable as the sun’s.

Therefore, I started to check the scriptures for the moon and the sun. In the new testament the word sun is used 33 times and the word moon only 10 times.

⁴⁰ There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. I Cor, 15: 40 -41

Amazing, it is talking about our resurrection into the perfect presence of God. And then I checked out another reading, Rev. 21:23

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Yes, just taking the dogs out in the evening can give me the opportunity to see the beauty of the moonrise, which sent me to the scriptures that brings me right to the reason for Easter – Christ died that we may have eternal life and He Rose because not even death could hold Him. So, we are reminded that we will be raised imperishable and will see the **glory of God**. Praise the Lord.

May the lessons of Holy Week touch your Soul and may you be renewed in the light and the power of Christ.

Pastor Reppa



This Sunday Pastor Reppa will be giving the sermon entitled “EASTER LILIES” with the Scriptures being Matthew 6: 25 ~ 34 and John 20: 10 ~ 18.

Praise and thanks to all who continue to keep the church safe for services to be held in our building. Also to those who make it possible to watch using facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/revreppa>. You may view the service while it is live or any time after it is finished.

Prayer and Praise request papers are available in the entryway of the Sanctuary at the church. Requests may also be shared by calling the church at 461-7507, or emailing Pastor Reppa directly at revreppa@verizon.net. Please let us know whether it is to be public or private.

“Prayers for Delores Harmen ~ Andy Walker’s mother that the doctors will help her with the right diagnosis. Keep her spirits up and in God.”

“Please prayers for Marta and her family who lost her brother to a tragic accident. God bless and glad to be here!”

Please be in prayer for Rev. Dr. Reppa and Rev. Dr. Daniel Cottrell while they are on vacation from April 5th ~ 20th.

WHAT’S HAPPENING at CBC

- March 31st** *The Corner published*
- April 1st** **7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service – Lord’s Supper**
- April 2nd** **GOOD FRIDAY Service at North Scituate Baptist Church, Dr. Reppa is preaching, 12 - 3 (Time and preachers listed here in Corner)**
- April 4th** **EASTER SUNDAY Service 10:00 am – Pastor Reppa**
- April 5th – 20th** **Rev. Reppa and Rev. Dan are on vacation.**
- April 7th** *The Corner published and SLT meeting – zoom 7 pm*
- April 11th** **Guest Preacher – Worship 10 am**
- April 14th** *The Corner published*
- April 17th** **Food Distribution EFPM 11am - 1pm**
- April 18th** **Guest Preacher – Worship 10 am**
- April 21st** *The Corner published and SLT meeting – zoom 7 pm*
- April 25th** *Worship 10:00 Pastor Reppa*
- April 28th** *The Corner published*
- May 2nd** *Worship 10:00 Pastor Reppa - Lord’s Supper*

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS DURING APRIL:

Ted Monnah (1st)
Rev. Francisco Litado (2nd)
Linda Gaulin (2nd)
Franck Payen (2nd)
AnnMarie Kamara (3rd)
Avion Bloe (8th)

Beulah Bloe (11th)
Kay Larngar (11th)
Bassey Inyang (14th)
Oluremi Swen Nurse (17th)
Salchi Hansford, Jr. (21st)
Christopher Kamara (22nd)
Maurice Gayetay (27th)



JUST A REMINDER

Maundy Thursday is on April 1st this year. We will be holding worship in the sanctuary and will be observing **The Lord's Supper**. Maundy means mandate. It is commemorating the day that Jesus gave us the mandate to, *"Love one another as I have loved you."* And he also told his disciples at the table when he broke the bread and offered the cup of the new covenant – "Do this in remembrance of e."

Good Friday - is April 2nd this year. We will not be having a worship service at Calvary, but you are all invited to North Scituate Baptist church. There will be a service from 12pm-3pm. The hours of darkness while Jesus was on the cross. During this service there are 7 different preachers preaching in the 7 last words of Christ from the cross. You are welcome to come at any time during the service and leave when you must. Pastor Reppa will be speaking about 12:30 and she will be at the service for the full service. (program on page 4)

Now why is it called **Good Friday** when it is the day that Christ was crucified? But looking at it from God's point of view, it was Good because that was the day that Jesus took upon himself all the sins of the world and saved the entire world from eternal damnation. Jesus fulfilled the will of God by being the perfect sacrifice and offering salvation to all of God's people.

Easter Sunday - we will be having worship in the sanctuary this year for Easter. We praise God for that opportunity. Of course, on Easter we celebrate that death could not hold the Christ. He **AROSE**.

Come be with us each chance you get. We will be following the protocol of masks and social distancing.

The Servant Leader Team and Pastors meets every other Wednesday. They will next meet on Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

If you have any news or concerns please share that with one of the Pastors or with Moderator Wendy Fox at wfoxpt@gmail.com SLT members ~ Moderator, Wendy Fox; Clerk, Carol Hall-Walker; Treasurer, Betty Cady; Rick & Martha Robison; Gabby Kpawoe; Rachel Bloe, Erica Traub and Archibald Yaidoo. Transitional Team members ~ Wendy Fox, Betty Cady, Gabby Kpawoe and Erica Traub.

Our Home Bound members would love to hear from you ~ especially in these difficult times of isolation it is even more important to reach out to those who are homebound.

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WORK DAY

A Work Day will be held at the church this Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We plan to complete moving our Pastor's office to the new office and finish moving the things out of the downstairs hall closet.

EFPM ~

Thank you to our Pastors, Rev. Reppa and Rev. Dan; Sue and Emilio Colantonio and Richard and Martha Robison for donating our tables. For Kevin Gould for assembling our three new metal shelves and thanks to all who donated paper bags, food and non-food items. A special thanks to our volunteers within the church and friends of Calvary. The Emergency Food Pantry Ministry would be most grateful to receive two more shelf units and an additional five heavy weight 6ft. tables.



Hymn History ~ "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Charles Wesley, the co-founder of the Methodist Church, wrote "*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*" in 1739 where it was initially titled "*Hymn for Easter Day*". He based it on an older anonymous Bohemian hymn titled "*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*".

The new hymn was first performed at the first service at The Foundery Meeting House after Wesley had adapted it into the first Methodist chapel. Following this, Wesley published it in the *Hymns and Sacred Poems* hymnal. It was initially written with eleven verses of four lines each. It was also published in *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People called Methodists* hymnal. The hymn was later edited by Martin Madan for inclusion in his *Psalms and Hymns* hymnal by removing the seventh, eighth and ninth verses.

The hymn eventually became popular in the Church of England from around 1780. Charles Wesley's brother, John Wesley excluded it from the Wesleyan Methodist Church's *Wesleyan Hymn Book*, which John did to preclude the inclusion of any specific seasonal hymns. It was not until 1831, when the *Supplement to the Collection* was published by an unknown Methodist, that "*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*" made it into the hymnals of the Methodist Church regularly.

Each verse of "*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*" features a focus on the Resurrection of Jesus. For the final verse, Wesley uses descriptive language to describe four requirements for Christians to enjoy eternal life with God:

To know God, to bear witness to God, to sing their faith and to love one another.

HAPPY EASTER!