

April 9, 2020

Dear friends,

At a time like this, when life feels less secure, we may tend grasp onto people or things to stabilize ourselves. We were always out of control, but now we know it.

Watch Jesus closely as he makes his way to the cross. He doesn't grasp. He is so secure in his identity as beloved Son of the Father that even on the precarious road to his death he is open-handed with his life. He trusts God.

What will it look like for us to trust that way? This is our lifelong learning. Our Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will invite us to renewed vision of God and trust in him.

Good Friday Online Service: 10 a.m.

Our Good Friday online gathering will be a contemplative service. We hold the tension between sorrow and joy on this day: sorrow over Jesus' pain and suffering, and joy knowing that his death is the death of death.

To receive a link for the Good Friday service, please contact seniorpastor@sunnysidechurch.ca preferably no later than 9 a.m. on Friday.

Some of you have asked for scripture readings in advance of our services so that you may read along in your own bibles. The readings for Good Friday include John 18:1-19:22, John 19:23-42, and Isaiah 52:13-53:12 from the New Revised Standard Version.

Sunday Online Services: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Note: We will go to one 10 a.m. Sunday service April 19)

In our final sermon in The Lord's Prayer series on this Resurrection Sunday, we will consider the concluding doxology: "For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen."

To receive links for this Sunday's services, please contact seniorpastor@sunnysidechurch.ca preferably no later than 8 a.m. on Sunday. Please indicate which service (9 a.m. or 11 a.m.) you wish to attend.

(Scripture Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 28:1-10)

Sunday School for grades 4-6 at 10:15 a.m. (Note: We will go to 11:15 a.m. Sunday School on April 19)

You may send your child to Sunday School, taught by Simon Snoxell at 10:15 on April 12th. For the Zoom link, please contact familypastor@sunnysidechurch.ca.

NEW Small Group: Invitation to Solitude and Silence

A couple of weeks back, I reached out to gauge interest in a six-week small group to learn the spiritual practices of solitude and silence. Isolation or introversion are not the same things as solitude and silence. Solitude is a state of heart fulfillment in God. Without silence there is no solitude. Silence is not just absence of speech; it involves listening to God.

We have an opportunity to make the most of these days by making space for God through the practices of solitude and silence.

The group will run Thursday evenings, April 16-May 21, 7-8 p.m. You may purchase a Kindle or hard copy of Ruth Haley Barton's *Invitation to Solitude and Silence* [here](#). Please contact seniorpastor@sunnysidechurch.ca if you would like to join or if you would like help covering the cost of your book.

I will join with you as a learner on the journey. These are disorienting times. We need God and each other.

May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:9)

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)