



Our theme for the season is At the Crossroads. Join us as we look at the choices we, and those in Scripture, make when at the Crossroads. More information inside on insert.

Easter Information is enclosed on Insert as well!

Join in the Crossroads Challenge during the 40 Days of Lent. See the insert inside for details.

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From Julie's Journal

During my time of prayer and reading during my crossroads challenge, I started to think that we have been in a perpetual Lent for the last year it seems. To give up any more than what we have already given up seems unfair and not really valuable to our spiritual journey. I mean the purpose of Lent is to draw closer to God by giving up something or doing something extra. When I say I feel like I am in a perpetual Lent...I have felt closer to God in this year during specific times. However, I have also wanted the joy and hope filled morning of Easter for oh so long! During this Lent with the theme "At the Crossroads"...I was really trying to capture that transitional feeling of being at the crossroads in so many ways! How are we going to emerge: choose to carry on, decide on our paths when we are still feeling stuck or desiring to go back the way we came....because that is a known quantity. However, we can't go back completely, we have to choose to move forward, left or right. I read an article written by Sister Colleen Gibson. In it she was talking about this same idea about Lent. In the article she said this, "Deepening our relationship with God, after all, is the aim of whatever we give up or choose to do this Lent. For that reason, perhaps the greatest thing we could give up this Lent

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is the nagging feeling that we should give up. In this year full of sacrifices, giving up would be a choice to relinquish hope and to dishonor all that we have been through. To give up on this season would be to give in to despair and, in the process, to lose sight of where this Lenten journey ultimately points us — to the hope-filled morning of Easter. We carry a lot and, during this Lent especially, we need to be attentive to what might lighten our load. Maybe we are being called to let go of anger or hurt, judgement or control, sadness or selfishness, worry or regret, offering in their place love and compassion both for our neighbors and for ourselves." That made a lot of sense to me. So, perhaps not to give up traditional things like chocolate or soda, but of letting go of that notion to turn back time and go back to what we knew. Instead embrace moving forward so that we can truly emerge as true Easter people...perhaps not exactly on Easter because we may still be in our pandemic mode but seeing the light at the end, to see the hope and the joy that comes at the dawn.

Maybe we need to embrace the concept of being at the crossroads and really learn and grow closer to God and see what God desires for us as we Rise Up and become Easter People.



In March we will still be having our worship experiences on the web and through the devotion guides. Each week we will be having a Zoom "Coffee Time" at 10:00 am. Look for the zoom address on the email or letter that comes with your weekly devotion guide. See you on the web! We will also have an in-person worship service on March 7 and March 28 at 10:30 am. Please look on the other page for details. We will still be having our online presence if you are feeling safer still at home.

Mar. 7 *At the Crossroads: Rich Young Ruler Luke 18:18-30*

Mar. 7 **In Person Service**

March 14 *At the Crossroads: 2 Men Nicodemus & Zacchaeus*

March 21 *At the Crossroads: 2 Women - Bleeding woman & Syrophenician woman*

March 28 *At the Crossroads: Judas Palm Sunday*

March 28 **In Person Service**

April 4 Sunrise Service 7:30 am **In Person Service**

April 4 *Rise Up Easter People* Easter Service **In Person Service**

From Julie's Journal

I hope you are trying to do the Crossroads challenge...at least one item from each section: Body, Mind and Soul. I have not been 100% successful at doing all of the things under each section everyday. However, I have done at least one under each section everyday and I feel a sense of accomplishment and I am learning something new each day...which is the point. I hope to see you on the Wednesday Zoom gatherings.

Together on the Journey!

Pastor Julie

Pastor's Day of Prayer

This month the Pastor's Day of Prayer is scheduled for March 18. If you have prayer concerns to be included in her prayer time, please let the office know by March 17. Please join Pastor Julie in prayer on that day as well.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Elaine Harvey	03/01	Kevin Jones	03/27
Stuart Harvey	03/02	Marco Valdez	03/29
Paul Elkins	03/02	Stephanie Schauer	03/30
Mike Magnuson	03/06		
Lee Carrick	03/12	Ben & Jenee Harlow	
Stephanie Byrd	03/16		03/08
Wanda LeClair	03/17		
Carolyn Robbins	03/20	Robert & Lorraine Lonn	
Virginia Copeland	03/21		03/24
Patsy McKinney	03/21		

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COTV Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Julie Elkins	Lay Leader:	Edna Munro
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Henry Brown
Robert and Ellen Draper
Patsy McKinney
Becca McLachlan
Vi Moore
Steve Mohr
Donna & Jim Seaton
Renee Calsmer
Lee Carrick
Family of Agustin Valdez
Betty Rudolph



Kay Roberts
All Healthcare workers
1st Responders and all others having to work in different ways
Friends and family dealing with illness, treatment, and transitions

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office, or Pastor Julie, or Candy Schauer and we will start the prayer chain (both email and phone).

Church Administrative Board Meeting

The Church Administrative Board will have our monthly meeting by zoom on March 8th at 7:00 pm. If you do not get the zoom information, please contact Pastor Julie.



In Person Worship Services—March 7 and March 28

We will be having two in-person worship services. One on March 7th and the next one on March 28th, both at 10:30 am. Like our previous services, they will both be outside. Please bring your own chairs. There unfortunately will be no group singing or recitation allowed. Both services will include communion (with individually wrapped communion elements.) The services will be approximately 30-45 minutes and include special music, prayer, scripture, a homily/reflection and communion. Check in begins at 10:00 am. Face coverings must be worn at all times while on the church campus and a minimum of 6 feet of social distance between households will be maintained. Temperature and symptom check screenings are a part of the registration. If there is inclement weather, it will be cancelled. We are following the guidelines of the United Methodist Conference and the County of San Diego. If you still feel the need to stay at home, we will have our regular recording and devotion guidelines sent out. It has been wonderful to worship together outside. We hope you join us for these services. We will also be having Easter services, April 4, outside as well. Info on insert.

Attn: Children of God

Looking for all kinds of HELP, whether you are young or old, you can do something. Mark your calendars for December 4th...our Christmas Craft Fair is back on!!! If you are interested in helping our church fundraise for our benevolences, please contact me by calling or texting me @ 619-277-9389. I would like to have a zoom meeting this month to get the ball rolling. We need crafters, bakers, and green thumbs, those 'special treasures' we would like to pass on, and of course people to be able to work at the various tables on the day of. I am pretty sure there is something we can all do to help out. Let's start now and make this a big success!
We are Blest! Phyllis Lyle

