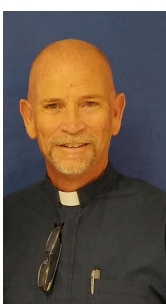


From the Pastor



Easter is coming! Easter might be the most important day in the Christian calendar. The day of resurrection – the victory of Christ over death! Easter is a time of hope and promise, joy

and celebration. The minions of death – chaos, brokenness, pain, guilt, sin, disease, tears, evil, hatred, injustice – will not prevail.

However, we must not miss a crucial aspect of Easter in our hurry to celebrate Easter – for there to be resurrection there must be death. We cannot disconnect the empty tomb from the cross. For there to be Easter there must be Good Friday. Easter is the day of victory that goes through the graveyard, there is no other way.

This is hope for we who die. The grave is not the last word. Christ has the last word – life. Easter speaks to hope, the hope for tomorrow, and, the hope for today. The victory of Christ is a message for lives lived on this side of the grave. We are able to live in the

resurrection power of Christ, today. New can rise up! We can be empowered to live in hope and courage, faithfulness and trust.

To be raised with Christ is to die to all that separates us from God and God's will for our lives and for all creation. What needs to die in us? What needs to die in me? I also think of our church. What needs to die in us as a church, so that we might be raised into the newness of life?

These are not easy questions to answer, whether we are talking about our individual lives or our life together as a church. This can be threatening and unsettling. Yet, it is necessary and essential to be freeing and life-giving. Out of the old life comes new.

In the history of our church there has been a lot of faithful ministry and life. Yet, we can become enchained in the status quo of comfort. We can be fooled into thinking that the way of



being faithful in prior days is the path forward in today's world. We must die to the old, so that the new can come forth. What is the new? We may not know that now. However, we do know that God is faithful. The Crucified Christ has been raised from the dead!

I look forward to seeing you on a Sunday soon, in-person or on-line, as we worship the living God of steadfast love.

Let me know of any needs or concerns. If you would like to visit with me, let me know and we can arrange a time to meet.

Let's continue to choose kindness, compassion, and love; let's do justice and make peace; let's welcome the stranger; let's persevere in prayer, as we glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

In Christ's Love,

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Outreach & Evangelism

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The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offerings will be received through Easter, April 17. Whether giving online or via check please designate your offering by noting it for “OGHS.”



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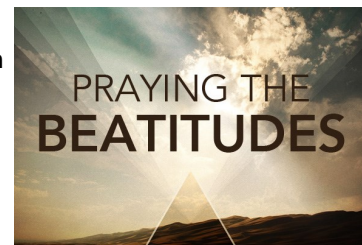
For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing** - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

As we consider our **One Great Hour of Sharing** donations this year we cannot ignore the violence in Ukraine. One of the three programs supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing** is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

You can choose to give to **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) or specifically Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Ukraine (PDA-Ukraine). Please designate your gift in the Memo section by notating either “OGHS” or “PDA-Ukraine” and your gift will be designated as requested. Thank you in advance for your gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Ukraine.

Praying the Beatitudes

Pastor Ken continues the midweek devotion, **Praying the Beatitudes**. Jesus began his Sermon on the Mount with these provocative and comforting statements of blessing. In many ways, the *Sermon on the Mount* is a disciple’s training manual. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus in these chaotic and anxious times? How might praying the beatitudes form and shape our faith and faithfulness? Each Wednesday a new video offering will be posted to the church’s Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you like the Facebook page and/or follow the YouTube channel you will get notice when they have been uploaded. Join us and spread the word! Perhaps someone who is not part of our church might be interested!





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