

Solomons United Methodist Church
Loving, Serving, and Growing in the Name of Jesus Christ

Sunday, April 7, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

P: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

L: Come and let us worship with great joy!

P: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

L: God is about to do something new in our lives!

P: Let God's will become strong in our lives. AMEN.

*Hymn of Praise

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn #451

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

16 Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
20 The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
21 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3: 4b-14

4 even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing toward the Goal

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Sermon

Rev. Phil Logan

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering with Prayer

Prayer of Confession

There is a certain weariness in our spirits today, O Lord. We feel that the journey on which we have embarked will demand too much of us. There are so many other things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears. The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us for the many times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem, to live, for we ask this in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**

Words of Assurance

When God called your name, God called you to a journey of faith. Do not be afraid to look inside to see those things which are holding you back from being who God created you to be. Place your trust in God who is always with you, loving you into wholeness. AMEN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us in your own image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When the rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty day and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sins, your Spirit led him the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on the cross for our sins, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts., that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

The Words of Institution follow

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: We remember that as this bread was broken and this cup was lifted, you poured out your spirit, making them the body and blood of Christ for those gathered here. In the same manner, we ask that as your Holy Spirit is present here, we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is your, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

****Communion**

When I Survey the Wondrous

Hymn #299

***Communion is open to everyone in attendance. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the juice provided for you. We offer gluten-free communion, please let us know when you come forward.*

Children's Time

***Closing Hymn**

This is a Day of New Beginnings

Hymn #383

***Benediction**

SOLOMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

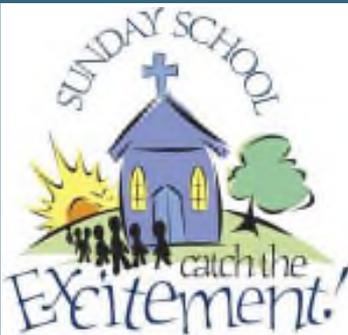
- 4/14 Palm Sunday Worship Service 10am**
Coat/Jacket/Sweatshirt Drive
- 4/17 Lenten Unity Worship Service 7pm**
Mt. Olive UMC, Prince Frederick
- 4/18 Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7pm**
- 4/19 Good Friday Service**
11:15am St. Peter's chapel for prayer
11:30am Processional to Our Lady Star of the Sea
(new church)
12pm "The Way of the Cross" Service
- 4/21 Easter Sunday Worship Services**
Sunrise Service 6:15am on the front lawn
Traditional Service 10am

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Holy Saturday April 20th 10am - 12pm Easter “Fossil” Egg Hunt @ Calvert Marine Museum

Folks meet Pastor Dottie at 10am, and we can go on a hunt together. Look for eggs with real fossils inside and hidden treasures throughout the museum. Participants will be given a container for egg collection; no baskets are needed! After finishing your hunt, docents will identify your fossil finds. A follow-up activity will allow you to “excavate” fossils from matrix, using the tools of a paleontologist. Activities planned for ages 3 - 10. Program is included with museum admission. Afterwards we can meet up together for snacks and fellowship. RSVP to Church Office [410-326-3278] by April 17th.



There is no Sunday School today or on Easter. Sunday School will resume on April 28th.

We will be teaching the children to hear what God says and then do what God says. Our Bible verse is James 1:22-24, “But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.”

James describes people who hear the word of God but do not do anything about it. They are like someone who looks into a mirror but as soon as they leave it, they forgot what they saw. Zedekiah asked Jeremiah for counsel from God - “hide nothing from me.” he urged the prophet. So Jeremiah gave him the same message he had given him earlier, and added that if the king would listen and obey, his judgment would be less severe. But King Zedekiah refused the words of Jeremiah - the warning of God - and set off to do things his own way. He heard the words, but did not act on them as he should have.



Flowered Easter Cross

As a congregation we will be assembling a Flowered Easter Cross on Easter morning.

Please bring cut flower/flowers with you to either of the Easter Sunday Worship Services. When you arrive you will insert your flowers into the wire surrounding the cross. By the beginning of the 10am Service we will have created our SUMC Easter Cross.

Here's What's Happening Weekly:

Monday: Yoga 9am |
Tuesday: Round Dancing 6 - 9pm

We also give in the name of Jesus Christ...

There are several ways to give God's

tithes and your offerings:

- ◆ Sunday in the offering plate
- ◆ Check through "snail mail" to Solomons UMC, P.O. Box 403, Solomons, MD 20688
- ◆ Online through VANCO, our electronic giving system. VANCO link can be found on our website www.solomonsumchurch.org under ABOUT
- ◆ Reoccurring Bill Pay through your bank



And we connect in the name of Jesus Christ...



There are several ways to stay connected to your church family:

- ◆ The Pew Binder is a great way to communicate your contact information. Pew Binders are located at the beginning of each pew.
- ◆ Contact/Visitor Cards are located in the front pocket of the Pew Binders. You can contact the office and/or Pastor Dottie with these cards. Fill out information and then place them in the offering plate.
- ◆ More ways to connect with us:

Pastor Dottie Yunger

202-674-7788 [cell] | patuxentpastor@gmail.com [checked 2x/day Mon~Thurs]
Fridays are Sabbath

Drop In Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday ~ 9am - 1pm

Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am - 1pm

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