

# Sunday of the Passion



**Holy Eucharist**

Rite II

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**8:00am - 10:00am**

*Celebrant – Father Paul Lautenschlager*

**Ascension Episcopal Church**

*Church located at the corner of West 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Avenue*

*BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer found in the pews along with the hymnals.*

## **The Liturgy of the Palms**

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BCP 270

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People**      **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

Celebrant      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ....

**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

*The Celebrant says*

### **The Holy Gospel**

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People Hosanna in the highest.**

**Opening Hymn**

*"All glory, laud, and honor to thee"*

Hymnal 154

**Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

**The Collect**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*People Sit*

**First Reading**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A Reading from .....

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to

those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*After the Reading, the Lector says*

The Word of the Lord

**People**

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalms 31:9-16**

Reader The Psalm appointed for today is .....

*The Reader will instruct congregation to read in unison or pray responsively by verse.*

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

*Reader and people say.*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Second Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A Reading from .....

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of

death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*After the Reading, the Lector says*

The Word of the Lord

**People**

**Thanks be to God**

**Music**

*"Ride on! Ride on in majesty!"*

Hymnal 156

## **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark**

**8:00am** *read by Celebrant*

Mark 15:1-47

**10:00 am** *will be read by lector/readers*

*(All readers come to the front of the Nave at the bottom of the stairs by the microphones)*

*(The Congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator.)*

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, **"Crucify him!"** *(Congregation shouts out)* Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, **"Crucify him!"** *(Congregation shouts out)* So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

*(All readers return to their seats in the pews)*

## Period of Silent Reflection

### Homily

Fr. Paul Lautenschlager

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Celebrant and the People stand as they are able and say.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP 388

*All kneel or sit as you are able - The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader      Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Remembering today in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember and pray for St. Gabriel the Archangel in Cherry Hills Village, St. John's in New Castle, St. Mary Magdalene in Boulder, St. Patrick's in Pagosa Springs, St. Stephen's in Aurora and Christ's Cornucopia in Security.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Leader      Lord, in your mercy  
**People      Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Pray for our President Joe, our Governor Jared, our Mayor Heather and the leaders of Pueblo and Pueblo County.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; including those on the Ascension Prayer List. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Leader Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader says – People may add their own petitions in silence or aloud.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**Collect**

BCP 394(4)

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## The Confession

BCP 360

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## The Absolution

BCP 360

*The Celebrant, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

BCP 360

*All stand. The Celebrant says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The Celebrant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Birthdays, Anniversaries and other Blessings

### Offertory Sentence

BCP 377

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### Offertory Anthem

"Toccata"

John Rutter

**Doxology** *(sung by all led by the Choir)*

Hymnal 380, v3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.  
Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Holy Communion (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The Celebrant, says*

The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

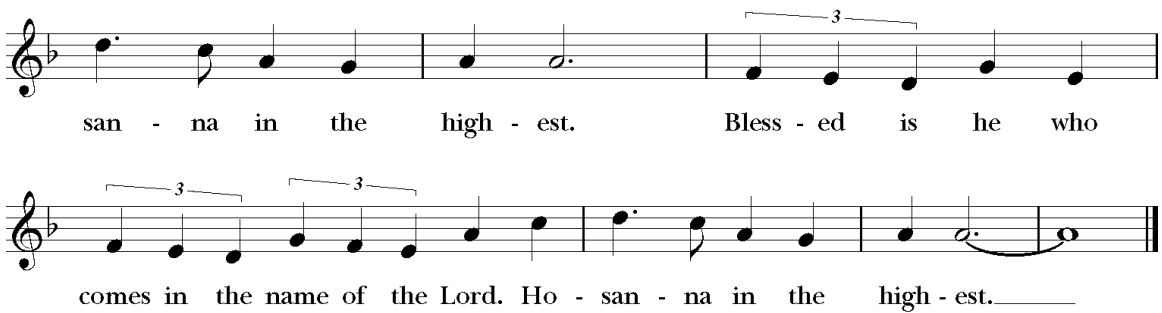
### Sanctus

S124

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



*Please stand or kneel as you are able. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore *we proclaim* the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People say*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

*Celebrant and People say*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, and then says*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People            Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Fraction Anthem**

*"Christ our Passover"*

The image shows the musical notation for the Fraction Anthem "Christ our Passover". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Christ            our    Pass - o - ver    is    sac - ri - ficed    for    us;

there - fore    let    us    keep    the    feast.

## Communion Hymn

"At the name of Jesus"

Hymnal 435, vv1-5

## The Communion

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

BCP 365

*Celebrant and People say*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant blesses the people and prays*

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and each of you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

"What wondrous love is this"

Hymnal 439

## Dismissal

Celebrant      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People      Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

"Praeludium"

Herman Schroeder



Many Thanks our organist, Abigail Silverberg

## LECTOR AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

8AM				
	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	ACOLYTE
Mar 24	Janet K	Robin R/Frances P		
Mar 31	Kris N	Robin R/Frances P		
10AM SERVICES				
	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	USHERS	VIDEO
Mar 24	Gary W	Mike/Kai/Olivia	John S/Stan G	Dave C
Mar 31	Gary W	Ann/Kai	John S/Stan G	Brad R
ADDITIONAL INFO				
Mar 24	Passion Readers Palm Sunday 10am		Myracle W, Mary S, Gary W and Harry T	
SPECIAL SERVICES – 6PM				
Mar 28	Myracle W	Mike	Mary S (Maundy Thursday)	
Mar 29	Harry T	No acolyte	Mary S (Good Friday)	

## ASCENSION PRAYER LIST

**SPECIAL NEEDS** –Donna Muench, Schmidt/Johnson Family, Michael B, Paul Wright, Nancy Welte, Montgomery Family and Brian Rice

**LONG-TERM CARE** – Mark Begin, Beurman Family, Ken and Barb Butcher, Pat Curtsinger, Signe Esposito, Tom Hill, John Kumor, Victoria Monroe, Kevin Olsen, Jaime Phelps, Bea Stasco, Kathlyn Vail, Monte Watts, Wright Family, Lydia Baxter, Arthur Alston, Christy and Bryan Bowers, Joanye McNair, George Mellott and Roy Armstrong

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Holy Week Announcements**

We will have **Eucharist at 10:00 on Wednesday, March 27 as part of our Holy Week worship.** We will spend some time in silent preparation for the events of the Triduum which starts on Maundy Thursday and lasts through Holy Saturday.

Please take a turn holding **vigil in the Sanctuary from 1:00 pm Good Friday until 6:00 pm.** We will have the church open for prayer during that time for anyone who wishes to take time to pray. We need to have at least one member of the congregation there. It also makes a great way to have a time of quiet prayer and contemplation on the events of Good Friday. There will be a **signup sheet in the back of the church on Sunday for you to sign up.** Thank you in advance.

The Vestry and Congregation welcome you to worship today, we are glad to have you with us. If you are new to the area, or new to The Episcopal Church, please fill out a visitor's card and make yourself known to the clergy and the ushers. If you would like more information about The Episcopal Church and Ascension in particular, please contact the church office at: (719)543-4253 or talk to one of the clergy.

### **UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS**

<b>March 24</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>8:00am and 10:00am</b>
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>	<b>3/25-3/30</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Maundy Thursday liturgy, foot washing & stripping of the altar
<b>March 29</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Stations of the Cross Church will be open for private prayer Good Friday liturgy
<b>March 31</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> First Service of Easter Holy Eucharist and Baptism

**The Men's Breakfast Group** will meet at Mi Ranchito at 525 S Pueblo Blvd on **Saturday, April 13 at 8:30 a.m.** Our speaker will be Stan Goodin. Please email kenbutch92@gmail.com or the church office if you plan to attend.

**Women of the Church will meet at 10am on Saturday, April 13** in the Parish Hall. The speaker will be Ann Ladd. Her topic is: The 3 C's of Connection: Curiosity, Caring, and Compassion.

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