

SECOND'S MATTERS

March 31, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

This year I have thought a lot about Holy Week. Each day I have been reading the gospels' stories that coincide with each day and posting bits from the stories on our church's Facebook. I've decided that Saturday is my favorite day of Holy Week. There are no stories recorded in the bible of what happened on that Saturday, but I have to imagine that many things did. The disciples were probably hiding and scared for their lives. The religious leaders and Roman officials probably felt like they held on to their power by getting rid of that Jesus guy. Most other people probably didn't even know what happened that Friday afternoon on Golgotha. A day of mixed emotions, to be sure.

I don't know about you, but the Saturday before Easter is a busy day in my family. There are hams to defrost, crockpots to be filled, carrot cake to be made from scratch and masterfully (if I might add) to be turned into bunnies. Holy Saturday is a day of busyness, joy, and excitement. I often find myself humming hymns and getting excited to hear the trumpet played in church. I bet many of you find yourself doing similar things.

I can't imagine the kind of hopelessness that people must have felt 2,000 years ago. We have the benefit of knowing that Jesus came back. It is easier for us to have hope because we know the rest of the story. I have experienced many Silent Saturday-type moments in life - where we are in the middle, and things feel hopeless. You could even say that Second Church is in a Silent Saturday moment right now. As people of the resurrection, we know that Easter is coming. Like those first disciples, we don't know what it will look like, but we know it is coming and that gives us hope. In the meantime, while we wait, we pray, we hope, and we sing songs to our Risen Lord.

From Your Music Director's Desk

Matthew 21:5 describes the event of Jesus entering Jerusalem during His triumphal entry. "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" (NASB) Wait, what? A colt? The equestrian in me catches the word "colt" every time I read the passages telling of Jesus' trek into Jerusalem on a donkey. Not a bomb-proof "been there done that" donkey, but a colt. In the equine world, a colt is a young, untrained male, which has a lot to learn and gradually, as he is patiently worked with and seasoned through training and miles, is secure in overstimulating situations, and is trusted not to upset the apple cart or his passenger.

As this young untrained donkey carried his Rider, it seems that somewhere he understood that even though he had every reason to spook and bolt, especially when the people were throwing their cloaks on his back, waving and placing large and wispy palm branches on the ground for him to walk on, this was an extremely important task. Somewhere in his donkey brain, he knew that he should not dump his Passenger or run away with Him. This is truly amazing that this little donkey knew just what to do and how to behave. Jesus knew why He needed to make that journey into Jerusalem, and the people thought they were being physically rescued from a tyrannical government. This donkey didn't know any of that. All he knew was that one moment he was chillin' at a hitching post, and the next he was walking down a street, carrying a Human on his back in a huge crowd of excited people. What an important job this little donkey had!

Holy Week Services

Second Church is invited to join the Fremont Area CRCs at the following Holy Week Services:

- Maundy Thursday, April 1 – Reeman CRC at 7:00 pm and Trinity CRC at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday, April 2 – First CRC at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship, April 4

Pastor Bob Broekema will lead us in worship. His message entitled "It's All Good" is based on John 20:10-18. Masks are recommended while in the building, and social distancing measures are in place. *Story Hour will not be offered, although Nursery will.* We also livestream the service and welcome your worship participation in-person or via our livestream: tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive

You will notice that we are singing at least one song during the Prelude portion of most services. As you make your way into the sanctuary, please feel free to sing along with our praise teams as we are singing the Prelude songs. Of course, you should also feel free to sit and listen and gather your prayerful thoughts as you prepare for worship. Whatever helps you get your hearts ready to enjoy being in God's presence. This time is designed to be a gift to you and your relationship with the Lord.

Sunday Worship, April 11

Seminarian Matthew Guichelaar will lead us in worship.

Grace Encounter

Just in case you missed it, click [HERE](#) to hear Sydney's Grace Encounter and the story of God's faithfulness in her life. Do you have a story of Grace that you could share? We would love to help you build up the body of believers at Second by doing so. Please reach out to Ann Pell or Zach Van Wyk if you would like to be a part of this great ministry.

Lent 2021 Devotional Resources:

Go to secondcrcfremont.org/lent to download our weekly Lenten devotional.

Read the Gospels during Lent - Reading Guide: Wednesday, March 31	John 14-153
Maundy Thursday, April 1	John 16-17
Good Friday, April 2	John 18-19
Saturday, April 3	John 20-21
Easter Sunday, April 4	He is risen!

Congregational News

Easter Flower Pick Up

If you ordered Easter Flowers to be picked up during Holy Week, they should be ready for you by Friday morning. They will be on a table outside of Zach's Office with a label on the bottom of the pot indicating which one is yours. If you have any questions, please email Zach.

If you ordered Easter Flowers to help decorate the church, feel free to pick them up anytime following the service. There will be labels on the bottom of the pot indicating which flowers are yours. Any flowers that remain unclaimed by Friday will continue to decorate the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please email Zach.

Prayer Information and Updates

- > The Love, Inc. quarterly prayer gathering will be held tomorrow, April 1, at 6:30 pm. The church is located at 212 W. 128th St. in Grant, MI. We encourage you to attend if interested!
- > The weekly email prayer guide will resume on Monday, April 5.
- > Join us for prayer each Sunday at 9:05 am in the Fireside Room/Library as we pray for the service, our church, and other needs.

Coffee Break

Coffee Break Bible Study would like to invite all women to a Zoom 4-week study on the books of Titus and Philemon. We will be meeting every **Thursday** beginning April 15 and ending May 6. We will meet from 10-11am, and you will be sent a Zoom link the Wednesday before each meeting. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Karen Admiraal (231-335-2285) or Doris Broekema. (231-286-8490). We need to hear from you by Monday, April 5, to get study guides ordered.

Library Request

We are looking for used children's picture books, Bible storybooks, juvenile chapter books, and kids' DVDs in good condition, which teaches good values and life lessons for the kids' area in the church library. Do you have some that you are willing to donate?

Faith Promise Missionary Update

We have received an update from Vera Hansen regarding her work with the Greater European Mission. Click [HERE](#) to read the update.

Offering Information

Our Deacons welcome our support for our congregation's financial obligations with our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive or submitted online via bank account or card at this link: [Online Giving. If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.](#)

Special envelope offerings are:

- April 4 – GEMS*
- April 11 – Karin Medical Clinic*
- April 18 – Second/Trinity Cadets*
- April 25 – Young Life Campership*

Stock the Pantry

Starting in April, the requested food items are canned fruit and vegetables. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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