

Week of April 2, 2023



From Woody: . .My daughter Amy and I used to have an annual discussion about the name given the day of Jesus' crucifixion. It is called Good Friday but she thought that is should be called something negative due to the horror of it. I believe she was right. I think the best thing I have ever read about this was written by a former Roman Catholic priest who became a columnist for THE BOSTON GLOBE. James Carroll wrote these words in his Sunday column on Feb. 10, 2004:

An afternoon's meditation at the place where Christians have remembered the death of Jesus for 1600 years raises the question of whether we have more broadly misused that memory. This shrine memorializing Golgotha is, in fact, a kind of side chapel in a much larger church that gives overwhelming emphasis to the memory of Jesus being raised from the dead. One sees that, in the fact that the church is called the Holy Sepulcher by Latin Christians, indicating the tomb, not the execution place, and even more in the fact that Eastern Orthodox Christians call it the Church of the Resurrection. A celebration of the joy of resurrection trumps the grief of crucifixion in every way here.....All of this is to say that death was not the purpose of Jesus' life but only one part of a story that stretches from incarnation at Bethlehem, to life as a Jew in Nazareth, to preaching in Galilee, to a courageous challenge to Roman imperialism in Jerusalem, to permanent faith in the God of Israel. In being crucified, Jesus was not uniquely singled out for the most extreme suffering ever inflicted, but was joined to thousands of his fellow Jews who said no to Rome-and who suffered similarly for it.....Any rendition of the death of Jesus that attributes sacred meaning to suffering and cruelty to "God's will," not to mention special guilt to Jews, is a betrayal of the real passions of Christ-which were for truth, for love, and for life. Life, as he put it, to the full.

Thank you, James Carroll for some food for thought during this Holy Week. And yes Amy, you were right.



Holy Week Schedule:

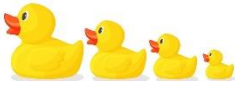
Thursday, April 6, 7 pm—Maundy Thursday Communion—the service will be both in person and virtual.

Easter Sunday, April 9

7 am Early service at Blue Heron Farm, 266 Saunders Hill Road, New Boston
8-9:30 am Breakfast in the Dignard Room
10 am Easter Worship Service



Outside Cleanup Day is Saturday, April 15th from 9:00-11:00 am. Please bring rakes,, brooms, leaf blowers, or any other tools you think might be helpful.



Duck Race: We have received notice that Carly Hippert and her team, who have been running the Clifford Nyquist Duck Race in recent years, can't do this year's race. It is a great community event and also raises money for both our church and the Clifford Nyquist Fund. The fund has been revamped so it can be used for college scholarships and other appropriate needs. If you can help with this year's event, please let session members know.



Peace Quote: . Father forgive them for they know not what they do.....*Jesus of Nazareth*

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- Belts
- Sneakers
- Sandals
- Dress Shoes
- Boots
- Towels

PLEASE BAG SHOES AND CLOTHING SEPARATELY

WHEN

April 22nd and 23rd

WHERE

New Boston Town Hall
7 Meetinghouse Hill Road

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