

Week of February 25, 2024



From Woody: I have been reading an interesting book by James Carroll. It is titled CHRIST ACTUALLY,,REIMAGINING FAITH IN THE MODERN AGE. One of the main themes of the book is coming to grips with the faith in Christ in an age shaped by the Holocaust and the bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. James Carroll was born into a large, traditional Roman Catholic family. Catholic families with several children always hoped that one of the boys would become a priest. His father was a career military man who became one of the Joint Chiefs at Pentagon during the Viet Nam War. James Carroll went to seminary and became a priest. His first assignment as a young priest was to be the Roman Catholic chaplain at Boston University. In the 1960's, Boston University was one of the centers of the anti-war movement. James Carroll became a leader in the movement, and this caused a break with his father that never was resolved. He later left the priesthood, married, and became a columnist for the BOSTON GLOBE.

In this book he writes about the struggle to have a faith in an all-powerful God while 6 million people were killed in the Holocaust in a Christian country. The other question he deals with is how a loving God could permit the dropping of two atomic bombs on cities full of civilian people .

He comes down on a new emphasis of our understanding of Jesus as the Messiah, who promised he would return to earth and usher in a kingdom of peace. Carroll suggests that we are called most importantly to be imitators of Christ, even when we struggle with belief we are called to imitate Christ by caring for all human beings. It is a thought-provoking and well written text. Imagine if we human believers, despite our diversity of beliefs, tried to live our lives as imitators of Jesus. It is a powerful idea and one worth pondering.

Announcements



COMMUNITY DINNER: Saturday, March 16, 5-7pm.

Homemade lasagna (meat or meatless), salad, garlic bread, and dessert
\$18 per person

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Holy Week Schedule **March 24--** Palm Sunday Service and collection of our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

March 28, 7pm-- Holy Thursday Communion

March 31 7 am--Early Easter Service at Deb Downing's, 266 Saunders Hill Rd.

8-9 am--Easter Breakfast at the church

10 am—Easter Worship Service



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Peace Quote: Imitators of Jesus Christ, we want mainly to be kind and true, taking heart from our dear companions on the way.....*James Carroll*