

## MESSENGER April 20, 2020

Easter Greetings in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

I think most of us have had the experience of being confronted over and over with the same message or theme or word when we read Scripture or listen to a sermon or talk with a Christian friend. We get the strong sense at those times that God is trying to say something to us. That has been my experience lately with the theme of “peace,” in particular the peace of Christ. It seems these days that nearly every devotional reading or Scripture passage I come across, or nearly every spiritual discussion I have is centered around the peace that Christ promises his followers.

In these times we are living, when there is so much negativity, uncertainty, fear, anxiety and turmoil, peace is something we all desperately need. It is encouraging to me that Christ not only promises he will give his followers peace (John 14:27), he imparts it on them repeatedly in John 20 when he says over and over, “Peace be with you.” His words are very directive, more like a command than an offer. At the very least we should regard the peace of Christ not as something hard to obtain, but rather as something that is readily available to us, if we will only receive it.

What then keeps us from receiving it? When we focus on all the trouble in the world, we can easily lose our sense of peace. In today’s devotion from “Jesus Calling,” the author Sarah Young writes, “The media relentlessly proclaim bad news, for breakfast, lunch and dinner. A steady diet of their fare will sicken you. Instead of focusing on the fickle, ever-changing news broadcasts, tune into the living Word—*the One who is always the same.*” That One is our Lord Jesus Christ, who says “Peace, be still” to our restless and fearful hearts. Christ teaches us not to allow the peace he gives us to be overcome by the troubles of the world, but instead to remember that he has overcome this world of trouble. He taught his closest followers on his last night with them, *“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33).

So take heart, resist the relentless bad news proclaimed by the media, stay well, and let the peace of Christ prevail in your life. May God bless you and keep you safe until we are together again.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

**FYI...** The Messengers are also posted on the website in case you want to go back and see any of them. Click on the word HOME and a drop down menu will appear. Click on the Messenger and it will open to give you the ones posted. Click on the date you want to see and there it is.

Let us draw  
near to God with  
a sincere heart in  
full assurance  
of faith...



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## **APPRECIATION.....**

I want to let everyone know we are so very appreciative of all the prayers and love for our family at this time.

My grandmother passed away on Saturday, they are having a small service for her today in WV. We will not be able to attend but we hope to have a memorial in June.

We are finding true peace knowing my grandmother and sister-in-law are now with their heavenly Father.

Again, we are so very grateful for our church family. Thank you and God Bless.

*Katie and Matt Rogers*

## MOTHER'S DAY HONORS OR MEMORIES

As you know, annually we have an insert in the bulletin for you to donate and honor or remember your mothers, aunts, sisters or just a friend. For our Mother's Day bulletin again this year we plan to provide an insert. So if you wish to honor or remember a loved one please send that information directly to me at [secretary@faithharborumc.org](mailto:secretary@faithharborumc.org). **Deadline is May 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Usually this is done as a fundraiser for our Children's Ministry but this year there is no cost. **However**, if you wish to make a donation mark your cash or check Mother's Day Donation. *These donations will go to our General Fund.*



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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Conner Frye
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### Week of 4-20-20 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to believe and receive your peace.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 34

M Philippians 4:6-9

T Job 22:21

W Psalm 4:8

T John 14:27

F Romans 5:1-2

S 2 Corinthians 13:11

**Key Scripture:** *John 20:21: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*