



THE PASTOR'S PEN

April 3, 2107

Preparing for Easter

As we take our final steps toward Easter, I invite you to be a part of a new Good Friday Observance. The service will be celebrated in silence by all who are here and is designed to lead you through a time of reflection and contemplation. You are welcome to stay as long or as briefly as you wish. During the course of these four hours I will be reading the Passion Story from Mark's Gospel. Communion will be available on the Altar Table, should you desire to partake.

Good Friday is a time of thought and prayer. We ask that you not visit with one another in the sanctuary and that as you depart; you do so in reverence to God.

Remember to join us for our Sunrise Service @ 6:15 am and for our Easter Worship Service @ 11:00 am. May this be a meaningful and blessed Easter for you, and for us as together we share in the glorious good news; *"Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed."*

In addition to acknowledging that timeless and universal proclamation *"Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed,"* this year we will participate in the long honored tradition of Adorning the Cross with live flowers.

Dating back to the early church, adorning the cross with flowers symbolizes the promise of life and an end to death. With that in mind, each of you are asked to bring a vase or container with live flowers on Easter Sunday and place them around or near the cross. Then near the end of our worship service, each of you will be invited to come forward and flower the cross.

Remember to bring your flowers as it is our hope that this will add in our celebration of the new life God has provided through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Peace & Passion... Pastor Mark

