

Alleluia!! Christ is risen!!

Welcome to worship!! (read note #1)

Welcome Pastor David Brondos (note #2)

Pentecost Sunday celebration, next week (note #3)

This week we celebrate the life of Lucile Aasmundstad (note #4)

Memorial Day remembered (note #5)

Zoom announcement (note #6)

Renewed request for Selfie (read note #7).

A prayer for this time, really worth praying (end note)

THIS WEEK....

PLEASE NOTE ...

1. Worship this weekend: FACEBOOK Live at 9:30am, the website anytime, or time spent with the written liturgy (attached). Thanks for worshipping; I am glad you here.

And following worship, join us for Coffee on ZOOM, 10:30am. (BYO Coffee) The link is repeated below.

2. Many thanks to Pastor David Brondos for sharing the gospel this morning! Pr David and Alicia are missionaries in Mexico City, Pastor David also serves as professor at the Theological Community of Mexico, an ecumenical consortium of seminaries in Mexico City. United has long supported their ministry ... when their latest newsletter came, he offered to preach in our faith community. (This is yet another benefit of technology today.) If you would like to be added to his newsletter listing, please let me know and I will forward your email to them.

3. May 31st we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. It's one of the Sunday's we say, WEAR YOUR RED. Red is the liturgical color of celebration; we give thanks for the gift of the Spirit, which continues to move in, around, and through us ... giving life. We will again have communion together, each of us in our own homes, providing our own elements. Looking forward to this

4. After we recorded the prayers for this week, we learned of Lucile Aasmundstad's death. Lucile was 104yrs, 5 month, she was an incredible woman. Her daughter, Deb, said that she survived the last pandemic, she was 2years old. Lucile did not die of COVID, however, the forced isolation was tough on her, as is the case with so many in Retirement/ Care facilities. After I prayed with Deb, she asked if I would send that prayer to her. Here's the prayer I sent: Let us pray

Good and gracious God, we pause this day to give thanks for Lucile, a strong, courageous, funny, gutsy woman, who will forever live on in our hearts and minds. She made a difference in our lives, her spirit and care were contagious, and we are grateful for her presence.

We give you thanks for all the time we had together, for the ripples she made in our lives that have changed us, sustained us, and given us life. We give you thanks for her faith, and the encouragement to live that same faith boldly each day.

We thank you for welcoming her home, to a place promised and prepared. We recognize that she was so ready to meet you and experience the joy you had planned for her.

We ask that your comfort and care rest on all who loved Lucile. This time is a hard time for us, in the midst of global pandemic, not being able to do those things we always imagined ourselves doing at this time. And yet, help us to rest in your peace and strength. Help us to find our own joy in the remembering, and in the love that continues to sustain us, now and forever. Amen

5. This weekend we pause to commemorate Memorial Day. We pause to honor those men and women who died serving in the military, those who have died in battle and those as a result of wounds sustained; we give thanks for those who made the ultimate sacrifice and for their families. A special thank you to Jim Nugent and Jeremy, who I called and said, "What are you doing right now? I have an idea." Many thanks for their ministry among us; and for helping us to honor our military heroes.

6. For those of you who use ZOOM for coffee, book club, committee meetings, the announcement was made to update your software before May 30th. New security protections have been added. So, before next Sunday, friends...

7. Once again: It was suggested that we "share the peace" by sending selfies, and having them woven together in a virtual sharing of love and greeting during Sunday worship. So, please send a selfie to Jeremy: troll@povera.com. We will use them as they come in.

8. I know we've asked before, but it never hurts to repeat:

If there is anyone we should add to our prayer list at this time, please let me know.

If there is anything I can or we as the church can do to be helpful at this time, please let me know.

9. Finally, thank you to all who have continued to support our ministry through gifts, prayers, and offerings. We are making a difference, and God is given the praise.

Once more we say ... Alleluia!! Christ is risen!! ...

Be well. Be safe. Be blessed!! Pastor Karen

End note: Kathleen Kichline shared a prayer by Pr Nadia Bolz-Weber, in an email this week, and I pass it along this morning:

I do not know when we can gather together again in worship, Lord.

So, for now I just ask that:

When I sing along in my kitchen to each song on Stevie Wonder's Songs in the Key of Life Album, that it be counted as praise.

And that when I read the news and my heart tightens in my chest, may it be counted as a Kyrie.

And that when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier may it be counted as passing the peace.

And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower may it be counted as remembering my baptism.

And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, may it be counted as prayer.

And that when I stumble upon a Tabitha Brown video and hear her grace and love of you may it be counted as a hearing a homily.

And that as I sit at that table in my apartment, and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, may it be counted as communion.

Amen.

Second End note: Sunday morning coffee, on ZOOM: Here's the link:

Join Zoom Meeting

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