



Friends,

Peace to you during this Holy Week. Please remember to join us on Thursday at 7:00 pm for our Maundy Thursday service (access it as you do Sunday morning worship). On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate virtual communion; details are below. So many people are lamenting that we cannot gather as God's people on Easter, and I share feelings of pain and frustration. This Easter Sunday, I invite you to bring your pain, fear, frustration, indeed all the emotions that this pandemic creates with you to our Easter Service. This year our service will not be filled with trumpets and bells and loud proclamations, as is our custom. Instead, I hope it will be filled with hope and courage and faith, allowing space for the resurrection story to speak to troubled and difficult times.

As always, if you are ill or unable to leave your house and need anything, please call me at the church office and leave a message on my voicemail, call my cellphone, or email me at [pastor@rpcusa.org](mailto:pastor@rpcusa.org). You can also call your Deacon. Know that I am keeping all of you in my thoughts.

Peace, Dale

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The entire RPC building is closed, there are no meetings, the only people allowed in the building are those stocking the food pantry and staff on an as needed basis.**

**For information on joining worship on the internet or phone please see the bulletin.**

**ZOOM COFFEE TIME** – Sunday mornings after the worship service you are invited to join Zoom coffee time. Here is the information you need to join us.

<https://zoom.us/j/198259471?pwd=VFJuSDJmOE5uK2NOSWtKY2hYmxKZz09>

Meeting ID: 198 259 471, Password: 928313



**FLOWER CURBSIDE PICK-UP** – If you ordered flowers in honor or memory of an individual for Easter, you are invited to pick them up on Thursday, April 9, from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm or Friday, April 10, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. We are unable to deliver flowers on your behalf.

**A PCUSA VIRTUAL EASTER CELEBRATION VIDEO** led by our denominational leaders will be available by April 9. It will also be shared on the [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](http://www.pcmsa.org) website ([pcusa.org](http://www.pcmsa.org)) and the [PC\(USA\) Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PCUSA) page beginning April 9. Click on any of the blue words for a link to take you to the service

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** – Join us on Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 pm. The service will be on our YouTube channel and is accessed the same as Sunday Morning Worship.

To dial in and listen to the service please call 1(312) 626-6799 and use Meeting ID: 985 351 405, Password: 114689.

Please have a bowl with water and a hand towel ready for our service.



**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP** Our Executive Presbyter, Sue Krummel will participate in a Chicago Ecumenical *Scriptural Stations of the Cross* service .\*/^ adapted to the circumstance of the coronavirus pandemic. The service will be aired on YouTube on Good Friday, April 10. Please search on "Chicago Ecumenical Stations of the Cross" on Friday morning and if more specific information is received, it will be made available.

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**EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION** – On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate communion in our homes. To prepare for the sacrament, please have juice or another beverage and bread or crackers. It might be fun for us all to bake bread to use. If you bake bread during the week, send Pastor Dale a picture and it will be posted on our church's Facebook page! Here is an easy quick bread recipe that you can consider using:

**For Savory Quick Bread**

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour or self-rising flour
- 1 TBSP baking powder (leave out if using self-rising flour)
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt (leave out if using self-rising flour)
- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups milk or buttermilk, room temperature
- 6 TBSP canola oil (or any other oil or liquid fat)

**Instructions**

Preheat your oven to 350°F (177°C) and prepare a 9"x 5" (23 x 13 cm) loaf pan with non-stick spray or lined with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt.

In a separate mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, and oil.

Pour the liquid ingredients into the dry ingredients and using a spoon or a rubber spatula, stir the two together until combined. This will be a batter, not a dough. It could benefit you to give it a good stir for about a minute to purposefully develop some of the gluten strands so that it has more of a bread-like texture to it once baked.

Pour the batter into the loaf pan and bake at 350°F (177°C) for 40-45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with moist crumb.



**TITHES & OFFERINGS** – The Session is committed to paying all staff during these difficult days. The ministry and mission of the congregation not only continues but is more important than ever. If you normally place your tithes and offerings in the offering plate on Sunday, please mail them to the church at 116 Barrypoint Road, Riverside, IL 60546. You can also give online.

**JAZZ SUNDAY** — Our annual Jazz Sunday Worship service has been postponed.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**—Join us Mondays at 7:00 on Zoom for a movie study.

For Monday, April 13, please watch *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, on Netflix

For Monday, April 20, please watch

*The Story of God* Season 2 called *Proof of God* on Netflix.

Here is the information for logging into Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErT0twWmExUXITc3ozQT09>

Meeting ID: 935 547 600 Password: 636553



**The City of Chicago** is encouraging residents to sign up for [Smart911](#) – a free, voluntary and secure service that allows individuals and families to provide critical medical information when they call 9-1-1. Residents can create a safety profile for themselves and family members that will include information on current health conditions as well as information if a resident is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or is under quarantine. This information will automatically be provided to first responders when calling 9-1-1 and will enable them to quickly and safely respond to emergencies. To learn more, [check out this video](#).



**EARTH DAY VIRTUAL MINI FILM FEST** - For the entire week of Earth Day and in honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22 — you are invited to participate in *One Earth Film Fest's Earth Week Free Virtual Mini Film Festival*, in partnership with the City of Chicago. For more information, follow this link <https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/>.