



**WELCOME, VISITORS!**

We are delighted you came today! Looking for a church home? We warmly invite you to be part of our church family! To help us get to know you better, or if you have questions, please fill in this form, tear it off, and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or pastor. You can also submit a Digital Connection Card at [www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, [ChurchoftheMessiah.org](http://ChurchoftheMessiah.org). God bless you!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted?

Yes  No  By phone  By email

Please check all that apply:

- I would like a pastor to contact me.
- First-time visitor  Returning visitor
- I would like to know more about Church of the Messiah
- I would like to know more about the Christian faith.
- I have decided to renew my commitment to Christ.
- I would like prayer (see reverse).

My response to today's message:

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# CELEBRATIONS

**Happy Birthday**

- April 06: Anne Crow
- April 07: Misty Taylor
- April 08: Ralph Hopkins & Jill Marcoux
- April 10: Ron Jenson

**Happy Anniversary**

- April 06: Amanda & Humberto Corona
- April 11: Caleb & Mary Stern
- April 12 : Seiko & Tim Maurer

## Please Pray

*Please join us in praying for these requests throughout the week (Prayer requests will appear for one month unless requested otherwise.)*

**OUR NATION AND WORLD:**

- An end to hostilities in Israel and peace and healing for all people.
- Protection and healing for our nation, and an end to racism and violence.
- Guidance for our leaders in government.
- Help for all affected by war and violence, disease, and natural disasters.
- A movement of revival at home and abroad.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

The Bohannan family, the Balch family, Chris Woodland, Kathy Hopkins, Sandra Brown, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, all our members of the military, and Sanctuary of Hope, our companion church

**OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:**

- Aaron and Winnie Coleman-Horvat, Croatia
- The Rev. Bisoke Balikenga, Democratic Republic of Congo
- David & Betsy, Turkey
- His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras
- Miriam Brinckley, YWAM-Harpenden, England
- CMJ-Israel (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

**WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:**

Diocese of San Joaquin

**AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:**

- Church of the Good Shepherd · Charlottesville, Va
- Church of the Good Shepard · Lynchburg, VA

If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for a special need, please submit a confidential Prayer Request online at [www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/contact](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/contact). Please indicate if you would like your prayer request included in the bulletin, sent only to the prayer team, or both.



*Our mission is to make tangible the life-transforming power of God's love so that all may come to know Christ.*



**Fifth Sunday in Lent April 06, 2025**

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## WEEKLY SERVICE INFORMATION

### Sunday Service with Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

In-Person or Livestream at [www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream)  
Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)  
Today's Teachers: Ken Shomo, Jo Ann Woodland

### Monday Prayer Meeting · Online at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

### Fifth Sunday in Lent · April 6, 2025

**PRAYER:** Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Matt 7:24-28 **Page 722**

**Second Reading:** Psalm 119:97-106 **Page 460**

(Response after each lesson: Thanks be to God.)

**Gospel:** James 1:17-27 **Page 897**

(Responses: Glory to You, Lord Christ. ... Praise to You, Lord Christ.)

**Sermon:** How Scripture Forms Us to Be Like Christ/  
Chaplain David Martin

**Reader:** Conway Telfeyan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Conway Telfeyan, Chris Woodland, Jim Bohannan

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Lecture Series (Sanctuary)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	CBS Evening Class
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	The Men's Ministry (Room 1)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Seder with Eucharist & Dinner (Fellowship Hall)



**LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES:** Join us in person or online at **6:30 p.m.** this Wednesday, April 9, to hear Aaron Bennett speak about "The Why Behind Scripture" See the insert for details; you can also visit [www.churchofthemessiah.org/transformed](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/transformed).

**EASTER LILIES:** Help decorate the altar for Easter and honor loved ones by ordering lilies. Your \$15 donation (non-deductible) includes a dedication in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, and you may take your lily home after service. Please fill out and place the attached form in the collection box.



**RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR SEDER!** Our annual Seder event is this Saturday, April 12, at 5:00 pm. In order to have enough seating, please sign up no later than today. Please see both attendance and volunteer signups in the foyer, along with instructions on what to bring.

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT:** Donations of candy, stickers and plastic eggs are needed. (No Nuts, please!) Your generosity will make this a special event on Easter Sunday.

**The MEN'S MINISTRY:** will meet this Saturday, April 12, at 10:00 am in Room 1. Plan to come join time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer

**JOYFUL NOISE MEETS IN PERSON THIS WEEK!** Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, April, 8 at 6:30 pm for pizza, followed by fun activities and a special Easter program! In-person meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

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### HOLY WEEK 2025

Mark your calendar for the activities and services leading up to Easter Sunday!

Saturday, April 12:	<b>Seder with Holy Eucharist &amp; Potluck</b>   5 pm
Sunday, April 13:	<b>Palm Sunday Worship Service</b>   10 am
Thursday, April 17:	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>   7 pm
Friday, April 18:	<b>Good Friday Meditation</b>   12 pm - 3 pm <b>Good Friday Service</b>   7 pm
Sunday, April 20:	<b>Easter Sunday Worship Service</b>   10 am

## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase and dedicate lilies to decorate the altar on Easter Sunday, please fill out this form, detach it, and place it in the offering box along with your payment. If you cannot pay today, please indicate this below and bring your payment by Easter Sunday. The cost is \$15 per plant (non-deductible) and you may take your plant(s) home after the Easter Sunday service.

**Given by:**

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**Dedication:** To the Glory of God and

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number of plants ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount paid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check\*     Cash

\*Please write "Lilies" in check memo line.

Please order and I will pay later.