

April 13th, 2022



## *Holy Week Blessing from the Pastor*

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. —Philippians 2:4–8

Walter Brueggemann writes in *A Way other than Our Own*, “As we walk the walk from Palm Sunday to Easter through the Thursday arrest and the Friday execution and the long Saturday wait in the void, imagine all of us, in the wake of Jesus, changing our minds, renewing our minds, altering our opinions concerning self and neighbor and world.”

When was the last time you changed your mind? The clue to Jesus’ call to “have the mind of Christ” is found in the way Jesus emptied and humbled himself of the need to defend or to explain himself. Can you imagine changing our minds and altering our opinions about ourselves and the world in ways that allow us to lower our expectations that often tie us in knots when those expectations are not met?

Having the mind of Christ will empty us of our need to control and our anxious passion to be ‘in the know’. Easter freedom happens when we are released from the burdens we carry. “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” and “Jesus emptied himself” provides a significant formula for changing our minds. As Brueggemann prayed, so may we...

We are eager for Easter joy and new life,  
and yet we are haunted by the space  
between where we are and where you are.  
Grant us a new mind, a new readiness, a new heart,  
that we might stand with you in self-emptying obedience. Amen.

**Maundy Thursday Communion**, April 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Trinity Presbyterian, 2964 Tillicum Road- [Livestream](#)

**Good Friday**, April 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM, Knox Presbyterian Church, 2964 Richmond Road- [Livestream](#)

**Easter Sunday Communion**, April 17, 2022 at 10:30 AM St. Andrew's, 924 Douglas Street- [Livestream](#)  
Loose offerings from this service will be given to PWS&D for humanitarian relief in Ukraine

## God Walk Book Club

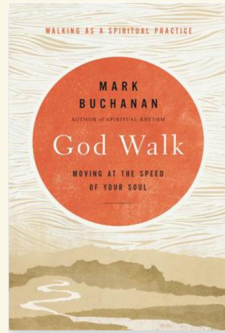
You are invited to participate in a 7-week virtual book club of God Walk by Mark Buchanan.

When: Every Wednesday, April 20th to June 1st, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83419017582>

For more information, please email Sabine Teetzel (steetzel@telus.net), see last week's TWASA or the April Link



## Socks for Mustard Seed

Starting the week of April 10th, bring donations of new socks to church or to the church office. People living without housing need access to clean, dry socks all year round and we can help!



*"The tragedy of the passion brings to fulfilment our own life and the whole of human history. We can't let Holy Week be just a kind of commemoration. It means contemplating the mystery of Jesus Christ as something which continues to work in our souls."*

*—Saint Josemaria Escriva*

Everyone is warmly invited to gather for coffee in the Kirk Hall following the Sunday service.

You will be asked to keep your masks on until you are seated at a table.



Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is receiving donations for Ukraine. As a member of the ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D is well positioned to provide urgently needed food and non-food support.

[Click here](#) to learn more about PWS&D response and partnerships in Ukraine

New microphones are on their way to improve the sound of the music and choir for those viewing our livestream.

We know that the quality of the sound hasn't been very good lately but a fix will be here soon!



## Read From Your Bible This Week

- Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- John 13:1-17, 31b-35

