

Leesburg United Methodist Church
Trail Guide
Week of April 13-19, 2020

Easter is past, spring break is over. Life resumes it's normal springtime routine – work, yardwork, spring sports and activities. WAIT! No, we have not resumed our normal springtime routine. There are no spring sports. There are no “activities”. We're stuck!

Even after the Resurrection, Jesus' disciples were still disoriented. Their North Star became a shooting star on Good Friday. They lost their point of reference. They hid and huddled in fear that they would be next. How could life ever be normal again? This Easter, like no other we've experienced, more closely resembles that 1st Easter than we care to admit. Life for them was on hold... Many of us feel that same disorientation, even though we may have finally found our “routine”. We're hearing that the world is forever changed because of COVID-19. Well, we have a golden opportunity to declare, “Humanity was forever changed because of the Resurrection of Jesus 2000 years ago! We're still experiencing the effects!” Can you see the parallels? In the struggle today to save lives, perhaps the Church will renew its passion to proclaim the saving message of the Gospel. The compassion we feel for physical suffering may just move us to compassion for those suffering spiritually also. We shall see. Yes, my life is forever changed because of COVID-19. However, a deeper more profound change took place on that first Easter. The ripple effect continues; I am forever changed. What about you?

It's time to step outside, into the light of God's saving love!

Monday 4/13 – [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Take note of the incredible theological truth that is packed into these few verses! What has God done? What is God doing? What will God do – for, in, and with your life?

Tuesday 4/14 – [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)

For some, the resurrection doesn't make rational sense. But for those willing to trust, it makes all the difference. Where is God's resurrection power at work in your life – in our world? Where do you need to experience “the power of God”?

Wednesday 4/15 - [Colossians 1:19-23](#)

Paul says that God has reconciled us to himself. God took the initiative, God did the work. Will you live today as one who has been reconciled to God? Pass on the good news!

Thursday 4/16 – [1 Thessalonians 1:3-8](#)

What a difference a Christ-centered hope makes! Note what it did for the Thessalonians. What has your Christ-centered hope done for/in you? What would those who know you say?

Friday 4/17 – [Hebrews 6:19](#)

An anchor stabilizes; it secures; it holds things in place. “an anchor for the soul”... where do you need to be anchored?

Saturday 4/18 – Pray for our church family, our community, our world: our older members; medical and health care workers; first responders; those who are sick; those struggling financially; those having trouble hanging on to hope.