

Lectionary Bible Readings

March 26	April 2 Palm Sunday	April 2 Passion Sunday
Ez 37:1-14	Is 50:4-9a	Is 50:4-9a
Ps 130	Ps 118:1-2,19-29	Ps 31:9-16
Rom 8:6-11	Phil 2:5-11	Phil 2:5-11
Jn 11:1-45	Mt 21:1-11	Mt 26:14 – 27:66

Sadly, long-time member, Joyce Shanks passed away last Sunday. A service and cuppa, to celebrate her life, will be held THIS Saturday 25th, at 2pm. Please feel free to attend. For those who are able to attend can they bring a plate of refreshments to share for following the service.

- Sat 25th March** -2pm Celebration for the life of Joyce Shanks
-Indoor bowls in the hall
- Sun 26th March** 8:30 am Rev Brian Nagel
Sat 1st April Indonesian Community Christian Service
Followed by lunch. All welcome
- Sun 2nd April** 8:30 am Rev Jan Rossow (and Communion)

Moderator's March Prayer

Creator God,

As we continue this busy season of Lent, help us to make the time to be in thoughtful prayer,

For the world in which we live as we work together to make the planet a healthier place for all people,

For the people of the world as we raise our voices with people across the world in the world day of prayer,

For those we love that they may be made whole in all their brokenness,

For ourselves as we re-examine our own faith journey in light of the reconciling action of Christ on the cross.

May our Lenten journey be a journey of renewal in our ongoing relationship with our Redeemer and Sustainer,

Amen.



The Small Stuff.

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19

During the celebration of his 30th wedding anniversary, a friend of mine shared the secret of their happy marriage. “Early on, my wife suggested an arrangement. She would make all the small decisions and would come to me for all the major ones. Wouldn’t you know that all these years have passed, and we haven’t had one major decision.”

Facetious, for sure. Yet, there is wisdom in acknowledging the relatively small number of major decisions in life. Don’t sweat the small stuff, and you won’t sweat much at all.

During the next few days you’ll be tested. A driver will forget to turn on his blinker. A passenger on the airplane will talk too loudly. A shopper will have fifteen items in the “ten items or less” checkout line. Your husband is going to blow his nose like a foghorn. Your wife is going to take her half of the garage in the middle. When they do, consider that’s not worth sweating.

From *You can Count on God* by Max Lucado (March 14)

Please join us for a cuppa after the service.