

MONDAY MESSENGER - APRIL 20, 2020
SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD BOOK STUDY

As you may have heard during Intern Pastor Paul's sermon and in the announcements this past Sunday, April 19th, Pastor Perry is inviting all who may be interested in reading and discussing the book, Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change by Rev. Jim Antal. Rev. Antal is a denominational leader, award-winning activist, and national spokesperson on climate change for the UCC. He presents both the dire reality as well as the great hope we have to effect change motivated by faith. Now, it may seem rather out of place or even untimely to discuss environmental issues when we are dealing with such a drastic crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic. But, actually, it couldn't be more timely and important, especially as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day this Wednesday, April 22nd. As Dr. Peter Daszak, disease ecologist and the president of EcoHealth Alliance, a nonprofit that works globally to identify and study our vulnerabilities to emerging infectious disease and has been studying coronaviruses in China since the end of the SARS outbreak in 2004 points out:

"We tracked every known emerging disease to its origin, from the scientific literature. And then we tested, with mathematical models, what's driving that, what are the causes that could underlie the emergence of these new diseases. And what we found is they emerge in places where human populations are very dense and growing. They emerge in the tropics mainly, because that's where the wildlife diversity is, and the viruses that become pandemic come from wildlife... Now, we're not saying that we've got to stop every modern aspect of development. We can do these things, but we need to do them in a smarter way, a more sustainable way. And we need to start treating pandemics as a risk of doing these things around the planet. We've got to reassess our relationship with the environment and reduce our ecological footprint. It's to the benefit of conservation. It'll reduce climate change ... You know, we are making ourselves sick by making the planet sick." *(from a 4/16/20 interview with "Democracy Now")*

If you're interested in joining us in this book group, please let Pastor Mark know of your interest by emailing him at pastor@selcaz.org, or calling/texting, 520-226-6383. High school youth through adults are welcome to join in. Please also let him know if you'd like him to order a book for you. We'll schedule Zoom discussions once we hear what times work best for those who sign on. We had eight people already sign up on Sunday!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY STARTING UP THIS WEEK

Join us at 9-10 am, on Wednesdays, starting 4/22, for weekly Bible studies on Zoom. We'll start with an Easter series on the Sunday lectionary lessons. Let Pastor Mark know you're interested by emailing him or calling the church office.

FACE MASKS AVAILABLE

There is a group of dedicated folks sewing cloth face masks for anyone interested. If you'd like one, call or email the church office, admin@selcaz.org and we'll arrange for you to get one.

OFFERING

Just a note for those who check their bank balances frequently, our offering counters are only counting the offering every two weeks. Thank you for your faithfulness by mailing and dropping off your contributions.

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is

Genesis 2:15 (NET translation)

“The LORD God took the man and placed him in the orchard in Eden to care for it and to maintain it.”

(Post or keep this weekly scripture in a handy place and every morning or evening share the following as a couple, or with family members in the home or even with a dear friend over the phone.)



Share your highs and lows of the day with one another.



Read the verse of the week and if time permits, the Bible story that pertains to the Scripture of the week.



Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows of the day or how it's speaking to you.



Pray for one another's highs and lows and other prayer requests.



Bless one another. Make the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or the palm of your hands and say something simple such as: “God bless you and keep you in His love and care!” Or feel free to make up your own blessing that incorporates a part of the FAITH5 verse of the week.

SUNDAY LECTIONARY DAILY READINGS

The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Week around Easter 2

Monday

Psalm 114

Judges 6:36-40

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Tuesday

Psalm 114

Jonah 1:1-17

1 Corinthians 15:19-28

Wednesday

Psalm 114

Jonah 2:1-10

Matthew 12:38-42

Week around Easter 3

Thursday

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Isaiah 25:1-5

1 Peter 1:8b-12

Friday

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Isaiah 26:1-4

1 Peter 1:13-16

Saturday

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Isaiah 25:6-9

Luke 14:12-14

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35