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# NEWSLETTER

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## LESSON TOPICS FOR APRIL 2025

Sundays at 11am

### APRIL 6

“A FOREBODING SENSE OF JOY”

Rev. Gene Policastri

Change is in the air. You can feel it. The month of March we devoted many of our topics to change – there can be change in the relative world, yet permanence in the spiritual world. And we are also occupying a material place in society. And you can feel the winds of change upon us. Jesus’ disciples felt the strong sense of foreboding. And Jesus even is reported to not exactly embrace the concept of the loss of his human life. And yet, we carry on for we know that even though things of this world may change, the dropping away of our material burdens will allow our true light to shine through. Joy is upon us.

### APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY

“REVOLUTION IS WITHIN YOU”

Rev. Gene Policastri

Palm Sunday begins the week of the events leading up to the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. This was a time of great tumult in the Roman Empire – and also among the leaders of Judaism who were holding on to their rules and regulations; their rites and rituals; in short to their spiritual nature. And it is the week of Passover, and the Romans were always on guard for an uprising in the occupied region. Our spiritual and material natures are in conflict awaiting a resolution. And we find that our material way of living must give way as we rise in consciousness. Our material senses will indict and convict us – and we accept that judgment. For we know the truth, we are spiritual.

### APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY

“WE SHALL RISE AGAIN”

Rev. Gene Policastri

If there is any lesson to be derived from Easter Sunday, it is this. The spirit of God in or as man is undefeatable. We are not our bodies. We are not even in our bodies. We may appear as form from time to time, but that is not who we are. Do not look for us in the tomb – it is empty – we never were there. That is the great teaching of Jesus who taught not by words but by experience. He arose from the crucifixion to demonstrate our spiritual life – he did not just use words or lessons. He literally walked the walk. And this is good news for us – as we can and will also overcome the false sense of death. We truly have nothing to fear; nothing to lose.

### APRIL 27

“OUR NEWFOUND POWER”

Rev. Gene Policastri

The events of the Easter month are profound. For they make manifest to us that we have nothing to fear, and nothing to lose. Nothing can be taken away from us. Our life is not tied to a material body. So now, with this newfound power, this newfound freedom – what shall we do? Jesus’ mandate is simple to love each other, care for each other, pray for the sick and raise the dead. The Kingdom is ours to share.



Directions to join to our Sunday Service

#### To join via telephone

Call the toll-free number: 669-265-1582; and press#. You will be joined and be automatically muted.

#### To join via zoom app

Enter our meeting ID: 7216723017. There will be no password required. You will automatically be muted. Please remain muted during the service

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The board of Trustees met and was able to handle a few developing situations. They are as follows:

1. The church boiler needed repair which included a replacement part. David Irving met with the Fry Company at the church twice so that they could ascertain where the boiler was leaking and again to install the replacement part. The Total cost for this service by Fry Plumbing and Heating is \$1,967.60.

2.

The church was broken into recently, Rev. Wayne Gatewood met with the Metropolitan Police to ascertain damage, or missing items. We were fortunate that no items were noted as missing. However, the alarm keypad was ripped from the wall. A police report was filed. The alarm company was able to re-install it easily. We are awaiting an invoice for this service. Rev. Gatewood reported the incident to the National Park Service.

3.

David Irving has volunteered to be the new Building and Facilities Manager for the church. This means that he is the point person for all companies doing business with the church insofar as licensing, points of contact for the police, building repairs, are concerned. We are very grateful and appreciative of Rev. Wayne Gatewood's many years of service in this role.

4.

Rev. Gene Policastri will be making a presentation at the Pathways Spring Natural Living Expo, March 30 at the Hilton McLean. The Divine Science Church will also have a booth at this event.

5.

After further investigation, due to lack of proper compensation insurance, the Board decided not to sign a contract with the company we thought would repair the library ceiling. In order to sign with any company and absolve the church of any and all responsibility should there be any kind of accident, proper compensation insurance is required.

*"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer"* Matthew 21:22

Shirley Taylor Moore, President  
Board of Trustees

## A NEW DAY

Rev. Pat Beach

At Easter we celebrate new life. It is the season of rebirth in the world of nature. These new beginnings symbolize the new Life demonstrated by Jesus after the crucifixion.

While the appearances are that of new life, we can recognize that the veil has been lifted and we can at last see that God's creation behind and within all is eternal.

It seems as though a new day has come but it is actually a new understanding of what has been since the beginning.

Father, we thank Thee for this awareness. Amen.

Ongoing Prayer and Study Group  
Conference call

Tuesdays  
6:30 pm

If you would like to join, you may do so by  
using the conference call number:

**605-472-5203**  
**Access Code 662944#.**





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