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# NEWSLETTER

DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH OF THE HEALING CHRIST

## LESSON TOPICS FOR MARCH 2024

### MARCH 3

#### “YOUR FAITH HEALS”

Rev. Gene Policastri

When Jesus performed his healings, he never took credit. He always gave the credit to the person who received the healing. “Thy faith hath made ye whole.” And he also placed the responsibility for healing on the person seeking help. “Wilt thou be made whole?” Faith in the ability to heal our circumstances is always present within us. We have the power to change our lives at any time we choose. Our faith will make us whole.

### MARCH 10

#### “DYING TO LIVE”

Rev. Gene Policastri

Spring is a time for renewal and rebirth. We see it in nature in the trees whose leaves had been shed during the fall and whose branches seemed barren. Seemingly overnight, the flowers are in bloom and new leaves, bright green, are appearing on the tree branches that just a week ago were bare. This is our cue that change is always with us, and that new life is always springing forth from that which we thought was dead or decaying. We tend to focus on the things as they are, and don't want them to change. Our lesson from nature is to accept the change, rejoice and be glad in it.



### Directions to join to our Sunday Services

#### 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 throughout of the service.

### MARCH 17

#### ”WHAT IS LUCK?”

Rev. Gene Policastri

What happens when we see a four leafed clover? What happens when we get a call with a bit of really good news? We often say – wow, I'm in luck. But is that really so? Is the universe one random set of lucky and unlucky chain reactions? No. The universe is ordered and principled. There is a precise rhythm to things in the universe which is spirit, and those things, with spiritual backing, appear on the material plane. It all begins with the creative activity of God saying, “Let there be...And it was so.”

### MARCH 24

#### PALM SUNDAY

#### “HUMBLY SPEAK THE TRUTH”

Rev. Gene Policastri

Palm Sunday teaches us a lot about how to overcome negative circumstances; how to quiet the noisy mind of life on the material plane; and how to stand up for what is right even if it seems to impact our daily lives in a negative way. Notice how Jesus does not storm the gates with an army; rather, he rides in meekly on a donkey disappointing his followers in the short term but staying true to his message of Truth. Circumstances are not our foe; it is our judgment about them that is the enemy. Engaging in battle with them makes it worse; resist not evil and let Truth come forth. Humbly bringing this attitude with us will bring eternal and joyful life.

### MARCH 31

#### EASTER SUNDAY

#### “HE IS RISEN”

Rev. Gene Policastri

Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. But of course, he was speaking of the temple of his body. Jesus' message was foreshadowing the Truth he was about to demonstrate. We are spiritual beings taking on a form to which we are not bound. Our form may change, our temple may be destroyed, but our essence, which is spiritual, remains.

# “NEW LIFE”

Rev. Pat Beach

The Easter season is often represented by symbols of new life such as baby animals and budding flowers. These are signs of the natural world reawakening but they do not fully represent the true meaning of Easter.

In the quiet Stillness it is given to us that the meaning of Easter is in a new awareness, a new understanding of that which God ordained in the beginning; wholeness, perfection and eternal Life as all of His creation.

This reality comes to us from within as the stones of appearances are rolled away. This is the new life that is revealed in the true meaning of Easter.

Thank you Father for the Truth that sets us free now and forever. Amen.

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Winter is not quite behind us, but we know for certain that spring will come in due time, with its reawakening of buds and blossoms.

1. As usual, the Board held its meeting on the second Sunday of the month. It was a busy day because we had Valentine celebrations after the service as well. We were especially delighted to see a few of our congregants of yore attend in person for the event. Chocolates, cookies and coffee were available for all.

2. While the Board continually discusses a “Plan B” should we ever have to vacate the premises, we are also entertaining ideas for the building usage. Should you have a well thought out idea, please let a Board member know. It is your church community.

3. We will again have a special event after the service on Easter Sunday, March 31. Please come out and join us for an Easter fellowship social.

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*...Romans 12:12

Shirley Taylor Moore, President  
Board of Trustees



Dial-a-Prayer - MEDITATION PHONE LINE

**(202) 338-1240**

We like to remind you of the call-in meditation line: [\(202\) 338-1240](tel:(202)338-1240). This is a service provided by our church. Each day, one teacher, minister or practitioner records an inspirational message. The message is available 24/7 to uplift, comfort, and encourage us from the comfort of our own phones. Please feel free to share this with your friends and family.



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**Office Coverage**

The Church Office will remain closed until further notice.

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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#**

