



## Prospect United Methodist Church

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### Message from Pastor

#### "Let's Enjoy Easter Festival"

*Jesus said to her, (Martha,) "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)*

We've been in a long war against the coronavirus for the past three years. There has been a big change in my normal life that I have taken for granted. Some of us couldn't go to our usual job and had to work at home. Access to crowded places was prohibited and even if allowed, they had to wear a mask. The church also closed its door and had to worship as an online service. Even in the face of many crises, the whole church could worship on Easter Sunday. But we had to have Easter service on-line at home.

However, Jesus, who promised to "be with you all the time until the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20), was still with us in the middle of our painful lives, and Jesus destroys the power of death, rises us, and gives us new life and freedom. We realize that even ordinary worship is impossible without God's grace.

Easter is intertwined with 'the corona.' The word 'corona' means 'crown' in Latin. At that time, Jesus suffered from people who wore the corona of gold, like Pilate. And the head of Jesus was covered with a corona of thorns. After his birth, the baby Jesus had to flee to Egypt due to the threat of King Herod, who wore the golden crown. From the beginning, Jesus was blamed and framed by the group of high priests who wore the corona of religion, and in the end, he was crucified by them and Pilate with the golden crown.



The head of Jesus was covered with a crown of thorns. The crown of thorns penetrated his flesh, stained with red blood, and became a symbol of cruel suffering. In the end, Jesus died of the cruelest crucifixion by people who wore the golden crown. Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns, was completely destroyed by the people who wore a golden crown.

He and his disciples and even the people who loved him became desperate. This was the victory of the arrogant kings and religious leaders who wore the golden crown and Satan who wore the crown of sin and death. The body of Jesus was soon trapped in a tomb, and mankind's hope was stopped there.

But it was only for three days. Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns, opened the door of the closed tomb. The tremendous historical event that no one could imagine, imitate, or believe possible was achieved by the resurrection of Jesus in just three days. The golden crowns were completely defeated by the crown of the thorns of Jesus. Easter is the day when the fight between the golden crown and the crown of thorns ends.

The corona of death, wearing the golden crown, also knelt before Jesus' power to resurrect. Resurrection is an event in which 'Tomb' becomes 'the womb'. It is a miraculous work in which Jesus, who died, is reborn in a new body of resurrection. With Jesus Christ, who overcame the power of sin and death and lived again, let us also come out of the tomb to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and join in his resurrection.

The Easter Sunday Joint service will be at 10 a.m. on April 9th, and after the service, we will have Easter Egg Hunt and an Easter luncheon together at Session's Hall. Let's join and enjoy the joy of Jesus' resurrection together!

Preparing for Easter,  
*Pastor Yongyeun Lee*

## Holy Week Plans

### ■ Palm Sunday Observance

On Palm Sunday, the children under the guidance of Education Director Christa Zaldivar will parade around the sanctuary with banners during the opening hymn. Sunday School kids will sing a hymn under the guidance of Music Director Heidi Flower who has been rehearsing them immediately after Sunday School for the past several weeks.

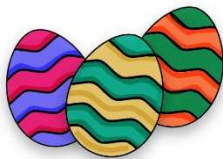
### ■ Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday will be observed with washing of hands and an Agape Meal at 6 p.m. Pastor Yongyeun Lee also announces that Prospect will have a Parish Joint Good Friday Service in person at the Plainville UMC.

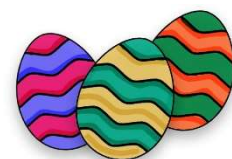


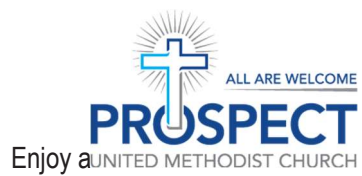
## Calling all Kids!

For Prospect United Methodist Church's Easter Egg Hunt!



Easter Sunday  
April 9, 2023  
Outside on our church grounds  
Following 10am Worship  
Please bring your own basket.  
We will have separate sections for different ages.





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