



THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's House

St. John's Lafayette Square Episcopal Church is an historic, iconic church that sits across Lafayette Park from the White House in Washington, DC. The church is home to a congregation of believers, much like our own. It is led by an ordained minister of the church of Christ. It is a member congregation of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Washington, DC.

On Monday, June 1st people were gathered on the church property and the surrounding area, peacefully protesting the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis, MN police. Aid and comfort stations were set up by local Episcopal priests and other organizations. In the late afternoon those peacefully gathered were violently dispersed by law enforcement officers without warning.

A few minutes later, the President of the United States strode across the street, stood in front of the church, lifted "a" Bible above his head and was joined by members of his cabinet. After photos were taken, the entourage returned to the White House. A short time later, the White House distributed a video of the president walking through Lafayette Park between a phalanx of law enforcement officers, images of the iconic church used as a backdrop to a campaign video.

The leaders of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Washington, DC were not contacted by the Office of the President with a request to use the historic church, the church to which presidents have gone to pray since James Madison. There did not appear to be any praying or scripture reading planned for this display of power.

Why bring this up, you ask? Because we are biblically bound to speak God's truth. The truth is that God's house is a house of prayer, not the place for a show of power. (Matthew 21:12-13).

The Rev. Gini Gerbasi, dressed in clerical attire was at the site when law enforcement took over the patio near the church. She recounts hearing people crying out in pain, having been hit by projectiles, as she fled. "They turned holy ground into a battleground."

The Rev. Mariann Budde, Episcopal Bishop of Washington, DC, said she was "outraged" by the president's unannounced visit. The president "used a church building and the Holy Bible for partisan political purposes. His actions did nothing to help or heal us," said Episcopal Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, had this to say "The president used federal troops to clear a path through peaceful protesters in order to stand before an Episcopal church, make a statement and hold up a bible. Not only was this manipulative, it was desecration."

Amid the uncertainty of a global pandemic and the centuries-old protests against racial inequity and injustices, using a house of worship, a place of hope for a show of power deserves to be named by believers everywhere as unacceptable. Not for political reasons, but for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you all.
Pastor Dorothy

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Worship Live on Zoom
Sundays 10:30am
Find Zoom Link at

www.figardlutherans.com

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Go to the CTK website

www.figardlutherans.com and under donate click on the link to Vanco. It's quick, it's easy and it's convenient.

Sunday Services Videos & Texts
are also on our website
www.figardlutherans.com

ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK?

Go to Christ the King Lutheran Church and click on the "follow" and/or "like" button.

AND IN OTHER NEWS!

“Live” worship began via Zoom on Sunday June 7. You are invited to “arrive” at worship anytime after 10am for the 10:30am worship.)

Look for recurring Zoom links elsewhere in this newsletter.

Padre Roberto Maldonado and two of our members continue to lead Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. You can join the weekly misa live on Facebook every Sunday at 5pm. Invite your friends to like or follow the Facebook page or check out Christ the King/Cristo Rey website at www.tigardlutherans.com.

Bible study Zoom is turning out to be a real favorite among the participants. An added bonus? when Bible Study is over, we are all in our own homes...no driving!

Giving: Your faithful, generous, and regular giving has allowed Christ the King to continue ministry relatively uninterrupted. There are at least four ways to share your tithes and offerings. First, you can mail a check to the church office. Second, you could use your online banking bill pay. Third, you can set up an automatic payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco (if you need help setting this up, give a call to the church office, Mon/Wed/Fri mornings). Fourth, you can go to the website www.tigardlutherans.com and click on the “donate” button to make single contributions through Vanco.

The Conversation:

What is happening? Massive protests in the midst of a global pandemic. This must be really important. Let's get together and talk about this turmoil and confusion and how our faith leads us toward justice, equity and peace.

We will start on Thursday, July 9th via Zoom. This will be a safe place to bring your questions, concerns, fears and ponderings. Our first meeting will be mostly for orientation and figuring out how to use Zoom for a meeting. From there we will begin reading and discussing the book “Waking Up White” by Debby Irving. It is available wherever you order your books or from the author’s website: www.debbyirving.com. Plan on 6 to 8 weeks of deep listening to the Holy Spirit. Don't be afraid, we are all in this together.

Zoom! It's the new front door and meeting place! It's not difficult to learn. Several groups have been using Zoom regularly: congregation council, Book of Faith Bible Study and the RIC Core Team. You don't have to “sign up”, just check that your computer, smart phone or iPad can support it. It is especially helpful that you have audio and video on your device. If you don't have any of those devices, you can still phone in and be part of any meeting or gathering. It's good to see your faces and hear your voices.

Need help getting Zoom to work? Contact Jane Hershberger, or Pastor Dorothy.

Connecting to a Zoom Meeting

Adapted from Zoom's documentation Quick Start Guide

A Zoom call is a conference call which can be joined using either:

- an app on your computer, tablet, or smartphone to see video
- or by calling in from any phone and entering the Meeting ID

Each meeting has a Meeting ID that will be required to join.

We will send you an email with the Meeting ID and/or the phone numbers you need to join.

You do not need to sign in or have an account to use Zoom.

If using your computer, you can test your audio and video any time by going to: <https://zoom.us/test>



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To join from a link on your computer, iPad, iPhone or Smartphone:

The Meeting ID is part of the Zoom email invitation.

Click the link and follow the prompts to either install Zoom (the first time you use it) or open the Zoom app.

To join by phone call:

Call in using the teleconferencing number (use the phone number labeled (Tacoma)).

Type in Meeting ID when prompted and press #.

When asked to enter a participant ID, just press # unless you are also using an app to watch video.

If you are using the app to watch video but not listen to audio, you can get a participant ID when you select not to join via audio. Enter it and press #.

To join from an app:

Open the app on your computer, phone, or tablet. Choose "Join meeting." Type in the meeting ID and your name. Choose whether you want to use video and audio. If you don't have speakers/microphone, you should not join audio and should call in as well. You will be provided a number to call.

ZOOMING IN ON CHRIST THE KING ACTIVITIES

Weekly Worship ID and password:

Time: 10:00am "doors open"

(copy and paste this link in your browser)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517107296?pwd=aVZpWFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09>

(or phone in using this number)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 865 1710 7296

Password: 299944

Book of Faith Bible Study ID and password:

Time: 06:30pm gather

(copy and paste this link in your browser)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85872085297?pwd=dE0zNGhNVTdERDRyUUplb1hnc0huQT09>

(or phone in using this number)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 858 7208 5297

Password: 901406

Thursday Conversation ID and password:

Time: Thursdays: 06:30pm Gathering; July 9th to August 27th

(copy and paste this link in your browser)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81192401096?pwd=OGRQbGRMMVR0VFBsQ1paa0ZpNXA1UT09>

(or phone in using this number)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 811 9240 1096

Password: 239270

Monthly Council Meeting ID and password:

Second Tuesday every month. Gather at 6:30pm

(copy and paste this link in your browser)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81585552324?pwd=RnlhOGMvUTNoekZld1RJM29GNmtsQT09>

(or phone in using this number)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 815 8555 2324

Password: 823311

WORDS FROM COUNCIL

Dear Friends,
What an unusual and unforeseen time in our lives. I am so thankful for our congregation of believers. As we pull together to find ways of worshiping, studying and interacting from our homes I want to thank Steve Larsen for getting our internet system upgraded so we can now have live interactive worship and communion. Pastor Dorothy and Tim Ditch have worked tirelessly to unfold a wonderful time of worship together. Many blessings and thanks to them. You can access the Zoom Worship on your computer, iPad, iPhone or landline. If we can see that you are having trouble getting admitted into the Zoom Worship, Jonathan, our tech support person, will call you.

Council is reviewing the reopening process lead by Jane Hershberger and Doug Birkeland. They have been reading material from many, many sources to bring to us a plan that safeguards our congregation. A huge thanks to them for making reasoned evaluation of the process for us. Be well and stay safe,
Nancy Skirvin
Council President

Micah 7:7
"But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior ;my God will hear me."

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

There are copies of the daily devotional Christ In Our Home sitting all alone in the narthex, waiting for someone to request them. If you would like to have one, please contact Linda in the office at ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com or call 503.639.2789. There are regular and large print copies.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Family of Charlotte Reneau -

Char's son Joe Crable sent an email

to let us know his mother passed away on June 2nd. Char and her husband Marion were active members of our congregation and loved the church and people here. Around 1998, a couple of years after Marion died, Charlotte moved back to Ottumwa, Iowa. Her inurnment and graveside service will be at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Portland, OR at an unknown date. Please ask God to strengthen, sustain, console and be with Charlotte's family, loved ones and friends in the days ahead as they grieve their loss and celebrate Char's life.

Her obituary can be found at the following link:

<https://obituaries.ottumwaco.com/obituary/charlotte-reneau-1079332840>



In this time of distance, we continue to pray for one another. When you have a prayer request there are several ways you can communicate that with us.

One, call the church office, 503.639.2789 or Pastor Dorothy's cell phone, 503.849.6383.

Two, send an email to pastordorothy@tigardlutherans.com

Three, send an email to Jeanne Durbetaki at jeannedurbetaki@gmail.com or call 503-985-3188 and the prayer chain will be activated.

And Four, go to the church's website www.tigardlutherans.com and click on the "How May We Pray For You" button.

FOOD BARREL

Cascade Vineyard Church, our partners in ministry, continue to serve the needs of the food insecure in our community with their King's Pantry food bank. As you are able, we invite you to share non-perishable food as you have so generously done in the past. You may drop by the church and the "food barrel" is outside the door to the church office, under the porch roof. If you would like to donate and are not able to bring your donations by, members of Christ the King have volunteered to come to your house and pick up your donations, just call the church office and let us know. CVC will collect the donations and stock the pantry. Bless you.

HOME ALTAR

If you have prepared a place of worship in your home we would love to see a picture of it. Send it to the church office at ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com

Pastor Tom and Windi Struck shared pictures of their communion altar at home.



Worship Is a Verb!

In these days of virtual worship services, it's easy to let worship become a spectator sport. Watching a worship service on a video screen can feel like watching a TV show. Grab a snack, snuggle into your recliner, and you're a spectator.

But God calls us to worship *actively*. To sing, pray, praise, learn, proclaim, and be nourished. Can we do this from our homes? Yes! Can we be active participants in a worshiping community when we're not physically together? Yes! Absolutely!

Join us for LIVE! Worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30. Here are a few things you can do in advance so you're ready to jump in and get involved.

- Print the Sunday bulletin or view it on a second device. The hymns, scriptures, prayers, and more are included in the bulletin.
- Set aside the time so you can be present for the whole service.
- It might help to dress for the service. Consider getting ready just as if you were going to go to church. Put on your Sunday clothes! (If you're old-hat at Zoom meetings, this might mean church clothes on top and pajamas on the bottom ☐.) But remember, you're welcome as you are—fancy clothes, sweats, or pajamas!
- Set aside a place for worship. Set the table for communion. Pastor Dorothy provides great advice on this in the weekly email. Tom and Windi Struck sent a photo of their setup. You'll find it in this newsletter.

The service starts at 10:30, but I encourage you to log on at 10 and spend some time chatting with others. It's really fun to see who's going to pop up on the screen! And just wait until the passing of the peace later in the service. If you haven't done this virtually yet, let me tell you—it's a blast!

Once the service starts at 10:30, take part! Speak the congregational responses. Sing the hymns! Pray! Be nourished at the table. Worship—like a verb!

Can't wait to see you "in church"!
 Tim Ditch
 Director of Music

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CTK OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

Church Staff

Dorothy Cottingham, Pastor
Roberto Maldonado, Padre
Linda Wesolowski, Business Administrator
Tim Ditch, Music Director
Heidi Livingston, CTK Preschool Director

Sunday Service

10:30 am Worship
5pm Misa

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CHURCH CALENDAR

July 5, 12, 19, 26 10am doors Open, 10:30am Service Zoom Worship Live
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7pm Book of Faith Zoom meeting
July 14 7pm Council Zoom meeting
July 9, 16, 23, 30 7pm Book Study Zoom meeting
July 13, 27 7pm RIC Core Team