

The Piper

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A Message from our Senior Warden

As I read the New Testament, I realize that it is a love letter from God to the people. It represents just how much He loves us.

The community church in Boulder Creek has a new sign each few weeks. Currently it says "God's greatest gift is the gift of himself." Rev. Ross told us "God chose to be born."

Indeed from birth to resurrection, Jesus' life is a story of a man who loved all of us unconditionally, while knowing that giving up his life would be the final result for that love. As Rev. Ross said, when Jesus asks Peter to give up everything and follow him, there had to be something Peter saw in Jesus to understand that this one man was the one who could change the world. We will never know what he saw only that he believed Jesus was worth following.

Jesus asks us to love one another. That's an extremely difficult thing to do. We belong to a church for many reasons. One of them, I believe, is because we think we will find others like us who believe in the Gospel of love.

What Jesus found about humanity is that we are flawed and some-times allow our "free will" to make decisions which are hurtful to others or say things which hurt others. How can that happen? Why does it happen? Last night began to understand the answer. We are afraid to love.

In order not to get hurt, we build walls that prevent love from entering or leaving. So when someone says something hurtful, our walls protect us. Sometimes we say something hurtful. Our walls allow the remarks to flow out even if we don't mean it.

Last night I realized that our walls (and yes we all have them) need to be replaced. If we let God inside; if we accept God's love; if we see the Christ in each other – looking into a persons soul, then we begin to understand what love is all about. That is scary!

How do you let God inside? How do you replace your walls with God's love. I am guessing it's different for each person. But it is possible. Love is a verb – an action. Bishop Curry said to answer questions, ask what Jesus would do. Once you let Jesus into your life, the first step toward that answer becomes clearer.

When I joined St. Andrews, I had to transfer my membership. My pastor, back East, wrote me and said, "Let them love you." She knew that while I spend a lot of time helping others, I rarely let people help me. Maybe I suffer from the "Lord, I am not worthy" philosophy. But yes, half of loving others is being able to receive love back.

One thing I do know is that I don't have the answer, and I am sure it's a different one for each of us. I only know how easy it is to get distracted by the here and now and how easy it is to react with negative emotion. I learned last night that letting Jesus inside means you end up reacting a different way – a positive way – a loving way. It is something I need to work on.

So, as I put one foot in front of the other, I do so with the conviction of letting Jesus walk with me and show me how to become worthy of that love so I can give it to others.

God's Blessings, Steve

St. Andrew's Vestry Members

The Vestry Members for 2022 are:

Steve Lefever, Senior Warden
Rochelle Kelly, Junior Warden
Cindy Garay
Susan Greer
Sheryl Mello
Sue Roe
Ray Wentz

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month

ECW accepting nominations for “Honored Women’s Day”

On Saturday, January 29, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will honor the women of our diocese for their service with a lively celebration event, taking place on Zoom from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Nominations are still being accepted, so please submit your church's "honored woman" nominee using the form which was emailed on December 3. **Send all nominations to Donna Seelbach**

Seelbach, ECW president, at dsdonnaseelbach2@gmail.com ASAP! Please email Donna if you need the submission form, or for any questions.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Poor People's Campaign

Ranjit Mathews

The annual remembrance of Dr. King draws our attention to his call for unity across racial division. This message continues to resonate and inspire us today. However, in honor of him, we would do well to remember his other calls to action. At his death, Dr. King was fighting against what he called the “triplets of evil” -- militarism, racism, and economic injustice -- a combination which disregards human value. He and others committed themselves to solidarity with the poor of our nation to fight to close the economic gap by addressing the unholy trinity of these three features of American life. The effort was called The Poor People's Campaign. It could be argued that this is ultimately what got him killed.



The Rev. Dr. William Barber and The Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis have breathed new life into the Poor People's Campaign. Beginning in 2018, “from Mother’s Day to the Summer Solstice, poor people and moral witnesses in 40 states committed themselves to a season of direct action to launch the Campaign. What ensued was the most expansive wave of nonviolent civil disobedience in the 21st century United States. More than a series of rallies and actions, a new organism of state-based movements was born. Now, in over 40 states, the groundwork for a mass poor people's movement is emerging.” [Poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/] This revival of the Poor People's Campaign came 50 years after Dr. King died working on it.

Then, as now, the Poor People's Campaign called for attention to:

- Systemic Racism
- Poverty and Inequality
- Ecological Devastation
- War Economy and Militarism

National Morality

When the “triplets of evil” — militarism, racism, and economic injustice — come together, they create an environment of exploitation and disregard. Evil grows up around and through us, seemingly with ease.

As the Poor People's Campaign goes on to say:

“Today, 50 years after Rev. Dr. King and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign declared that “silence was betrayal,” we are coming together to break the silence and tell the truth about the interlocking evils of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, the war economy and our distorted moral narrative.

The truth is that systemic racism allows us to deny the humanity of others; by denying the humanity of others, we are given permission to exploit or exclude people economically; by exploiting and excluding people economically, we are emboldened to abuse our military powers and, through violence and war, control resources; this quest for the control of resources leads to the potential destruction of our entire ecosystem and everything living in it. And the current moral narrative of our nation both justifies this cycle and distracts us from it.”^[1]

In Dr. King's final book, published posthumously, *Where Do We Go From Here? Chaos or Community*, we hear his prophetic words for that present moment speak to our present moment. put an end to war and violence between nations as it is to put an end to poverty and racial injustice. We have ancient habits to deal with, vast structures of power, indescribably complicated problems to solve. But unless we abdicate our humanity all together and succumb to fear and impotence in the presence of the weapons we ourselves have created, it is as possible and as urgent to

I do not minimize the complexity of the problems that need to be faced in achieving disarmament and peace. But I am convinced that we shall not have the will, the courage and the in-sight to deal with such matters unless in this field we are prepared to undergo a mental and spiritual re-evaluation, a change of focus which will enable us to see that the things that seem most real and powerful are indeed now unreal and have come under sentence of death. We need to make a supreme effort to generate the readiness, indeed the eagerness, to enter into the new world which is now possible, ‘the city which hath foundation, whose Building and Maker is God.’”^[2]

The Poor People’s Campaign in its current inception helps us have “the will, the courage and the insight to deal with such matters.” The Rev. Whitney Altopp and I are inviting interested persons to a planning meeting on February 1, 6pm via Zoom, to begin to lay the groundwork for a Connecticut presence at the Mass Poor People’s & Low-Wage Workers’ Assembly and Moral March on Washington on June 18, 2022. If you would like to be a part of this planning team, please email Whitney waltopp@ststephens-ridgefield.org or me rkm@episcopalct.org to receive the Zoom link.

We hope that you’ll be inspired by the closing words of Dr. King’s final book.

“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, naked and dejected with a lost opportunity. The ‘tide in the affairs of men’ does not remain at the flood; it ebbs. We may cry out desperately for time to pause in her passage, but time is deaf to every plea and rushes on. Over the bleached bones and jumbled residues of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words: ‘Too late.’ There is an invisible book of life that faithfully records our vigilance or our neglect. ‘The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on...’ We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent coannihilation. This may well be mankind’s last chance to choose between chaos or community.”^[3]

^[1] [Poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/our-demands/](http://poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/our-demands/)

^[2] Martin Luther King, Jr., *Where Do We Go From Here? Chaos or Community* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1968), 195.

^[3] King, 202.

Reprinted from ECF Vital Practices Blog dated January 17, 2022

United States History

- January 2nd, 1788 -Georgia is the fourth state to join the Union. Georgia ratified the U.S. Constitution before joining.
- January 3rd, 1959 Alaska is the 49th state to join the Union.
- January 4th, 1876 Utah joined the Union as the 45th state.
- January 6th, 1912 New Mexico joined the Union as the 47th state.
- January 9th, 1788 Connecticut is the 5th state to join the Union.
- January 26th, 1837 -Michigan is the 26th state to enter the Union.
- January 29th, 1861 Kansas is the 34th State to join the Union.



Garden of Eatin'

DADDY'S AWARD-WINNING CHILI

One of the things my dad, Rus Hillier, did, after retirement, was to cook chili and enter chili cookoffs. He finally won first place for the State of California. After that, he retired from cooking and became a judge of chili instead.

This is his recipe. Sue Roe

What you need:

6 lbs. beef (defatted, degristled, & ground coarse or chopped into small cubes)
1 lb. pork (same treatment)
8 to 10 Tbls. chili powder (1/2 California chili powder and 1/2 New Mexico chili powder)
1 Tbls. paprika
1 Tbls. cumin
Pinch of thyme
Pinch of Oregano
1 teas. cilantro or coriander
1 teas. black pepper
1/4 cup celery, very finely chopped
4 oz. Ortega green chilis, very finely chopped
2 oz. Jalapeno chilis, very finely chopped (optional)
2 large onions, very finely chopped
6 cloves garlic, run through press
1 bottle of beer
1/4 lb. beef kidney suet or butter
1 quart beef stock, fresh or from bouillon cubes
salt to taste
**2 teas. sugar
**1 Tbls. Tequila
**2 Tbls. red hot sauce
**1 - 15 oz. can tomato sauce
Water to add moisture, as needed

What you do:

Start heating the stock in a 6-quart pot. Brown the meat, about 1 pound at a time, and add to stock. Sauté the onions, garlic, celery, and chilis in butter (or suet) until onions are transparent. Drain off excess fat. Add the remaining ingredients except the asterisk ** items. Bring to a boil and then add to the meat. Reduce heat to simmer. Stir well and cover. Cook 2 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Adjust moisture as needed. Add the ** items, cover and simmer another 1/2 hour.

Note: If you enjoy beans, they are cooked separately. Never in the Chili!

St. Andrew's Story Time

11:30 am every Sunday.
All children are welcome.
Led by Sharon Fishel.



Give your child an introduction to Jesus
and the Bible.

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81195240382?
pwd=TFRya1V2Q1Ezd1hNcG9jejJVaGk5UT09](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81195240382?pwd=TFRya1V2Q1Ezd1hNcG9jejJVaGk5UT09)

Meeting ID: 811 9524 0382
Passcode: storytime

COVID INFORMATION

If you are having trouble finding at-home COVID test kits, you may order them at no cost from either <https://special.usps.com/testkits> or <https://www.covidtest.gov>

Each household may place one order which consists of four test kits. The kits will start being delivered the end of January.

If you need a digital copy of your COVID vaccination record, go to <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>

Join the 2022 "Pilgrimage with Race" course

The unique curriculum of [*A Storied Pilgrimage with Race*](#) explores issues of race in our diocese; it is a holy offering of video interviews, education, action items, and room for reflection. Throughout 2022 you are invited to participate in this course by attending monthly Zoom calls to undertake this journey together. Completion of this pilgrimage fulfills the requirement for anti-racism training in the Diocese of El Camino Real; it is required for clergy and strongly encouraged for all in leadership.

We will meet 7pm to 8:30pm on **Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6**. To sign up, please email the Rev. Canon Martha Korianek at canonmartha@realepiscopal.org by January 24, 2022.



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Following a Jan. 6 noon Epiphany service at Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C., Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry shared words of reflection and exhortation to the church and nation in a videotaped message from the Lincoln Memorial.

“The nightmare of last January 6th was not just an event—it was a revelation,” he said. “It was a revelation of deeply dangerous divisions in our nation. ... That day, and our response to it, contain potential for both peril and promise.”

Excerpts from the Jan. 6, 2022: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s address to the nation

A Moment of Peril and Promise

The nightmare of last January 6th was not just an event. It was a revelation. It was a revelation of deeply dangerous divisions in our nation—some political, some ideological, some racial, and some disguised as religious.

But it was also a revelation that there are forces intentionally seeking and working to divide us. Left unchecked, unaddressed, and unhealed, this can lead to the decline and deconstruction of our nation and make it impossible for us to strive to be “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

The nightmare of January 6th was not just an event; it was a revelation. But it was a revelation in another sense. That day, and our response to it, contain potential for both peril and promise.

The peril is the possibility of the decline, deconstruction, and even destruction of our nation and its most cherished values. But that peril is only an inevitability if, as William Butler Yeats said in another context, “the best lack all conviction while the worst are filled with passionate intensity.”

But the promise is the revival and renewal of the United States as the multiracial, multiethnic, pluralistic, democracy that our founders envisioned when they began this experiment. That promise becomes a real and greater possibility if enough of us will summon the spiritual courage necessary to claim it.

It is not an exaggeration to say that we are living in a moral moment of spiritual peril and promise.

Such a moment demands moral vision that sees beyond mere self-interest and beholds the common good—a spiritual strength stronger than any sword.

Let me suggest three spiritual keys to this.

Renew our relationship with God

First, we must renew our relationship with the God who the Bible says, “is love.” With the God who is the Creator of us all. We must each find our path to connect with God in ways that are loving, liberating, and life-giving. I do so as one who strives to follow Jesus Christ and his way of love. We must each find the path that is authentic to us.

Revive our relationship with each other

Second, we must revive our relationship with each other as children of the God who made us all, and therefore as brothers, sisters, siblings, as the human family of God. The late Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said, “If you want peace, you don’t talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.” How we both treat and relate to others is a decision.

Resurrect our commitment to the ideals we share

Third, we must resurrect our commitment to the ideals and values that we share. We do have some generally accepted ideals and values. ...

To be sure, no form of human government attains perfection. Only God is perfect. The Preamble to the Constitution wisely reminds us that each generation must continue the work of forming “a more perfect union.” No, our democracy is not perfect, but it offers the best hope yet devised for government that fosters human freedom, equal justice under law, the dignity and the equality of every human being made, as the Bible says, in the image of God. ...

We don’t think of it this way very often, but unselfish, sacrificial love for each other may well be the supreme value on which democracy depends. On the Great Seal of the United States, above the bald eagle, are banners on which the Latin words, “e pluribus unum” are written. Those words mean, “from many, one.” One nation from many diverse people.

But do you know where those words come from? They come from the writings of Cicero, who lived during the time of the Roman Republic. Cicero said, “When each person loves the other as much as himself, it makes one out of many.” In other words, when each person loves the other as much as he loves himself, it makes one out of many possible.

That’s what Cicero wrote about democracy. Moses and Jesus identified love as the supreme law of God for life.

This is indeed a moment of both peril and promise. But if love is indeed the supreme law of God for life, as I believe it is, then God’s way of un-selfish, sacrificial love for each other could well be the key to the life of a nation, and the world itself. That way of love could well be the key to our truly becoming “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” Therein is the promise!

To read or view the full address, go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/Presiding-Bishop-Curry-highlights-moment-of-peril-and-promise-on-one-year-anniversary-of-Jan-6-attack/>

January Birthdays



January 1st, 1735 Paul Revere - He worked as a silversmith by day and took the infamous "midnight ride" to warn the American people that the British were coming during the Revolutionary War.

January 3rd, 106 B.C. Marcus Tullius Cicero – He was a politician, lawyer, military man and a writer.

January 3rd, 1793 Lucretia Mott - She was a Quaker woman who acted as a women's political advocate, founded two anti-slavery groups and made famous speeches that became a part of history.

January 4th, 1643 Isaac Newton - A genius, a mathematician, inventor, astronomer and a philosopher.

January 4th, 1809 Louis Braille - He invented the Braille system to help blind people read and write.

January 5th, 1779 Zebulon Pike - An explorer and an American soldier, known for creating a large mapped area for the Southern Louisiana Purchase.

St. Andrew's Birthdays

January

- 5 — Nicki Kearns
- 6 — Christopher Mello
- 6 — Sara Hector
- 10 — Kim Rooks
- 12 — Sandra Cadell
- 15 — Larry Laufenberg
- 17 — Sari Mitchell
- 19 — Beth Leslie
- 28 — Malachi Erdman
- 30 — Vira Erdman



February

2 — Dena Robertson	13 — Ray Schmidt
4 — Rochelle Kelly	17 — Mike Leslie
4 — Gene Kodner	20 — Teresa Ruff
7 — Alexander Cadell	24 — Angela Bauer
10 — Paula Madonia	25 — Ralph LeRoux
13 — Tedd Parske	26 — Brett McPherson

January 6th, 1412 Joan of Arc - Nicknamed "The Maid of Orléans", she is considered a heroine of France for her role during the Hundred Years' War, and was canonized as a saint, becoming one of nine secondary patron saints of France.

January 7th, 1880 Millard Fillmore—the 13th President of the United States.

January 9th, 1913 President Richard Nixon—The nation's 37th president.

January 11th, 1737 John Hancock --He was the first man to sign the Declaration of Independence.

January 12th, 1682 Charles Perrault - a popular French children's book author whose books included "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Sleeping Beauty".

January 12th, 1876 Jack London - A popular author who published over 50 books including "Call of the Wild".

January 14th, 1741 Benedict Arnold - A general in the Continental Army and a traitor.

January 15th, 1929 Martin Luther King Jr. - One of the most important African American men in history as a leader of the Civil rights movement in the U.S. The third Monday in the month of January is designated Martin Luther King Day.

January 17th, 1706 Benjamin Franklin - A founding father of the United States, an inventor, and a writer among other things.

January 18th, 1882 A.A. Milne - An author that created some of the best loved characters of all time Winnie- the- Pooh, Tigger, Piglet and the rest of the gang.

January 19th, 1809 Edgar Allan Poe - An American poet and story writer whose work includes some of the most famous poems of our time including the "The Raven".

January 27th, 1756 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - One of the greatest composers of classical music of our time.

January 27th, 1832 Lewis Carroll - He wrote the books "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass. He was also a clergyman and a mathematician.

January 29th, 1843 William McKinley - The 25th President of the United States. He was shot by a mentally ill man while he waited in line at the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition and died eight days later on September 14, 1901.

January 30th, 1882 Franklin Delano Roosevelt - The 32nd President of the United States.

From the teAchnology website: <https://www.teach-nology.com/monthly/january/januaryevents.html>



St. Andrew's Worship Service

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am

in person or for virtual worship on ZOOM

If you cannot join us for the live service you can watch the
Gospel reading and sermon on either Facebook or YouTube.

Please email to make a reservation or for the Zoom link.

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