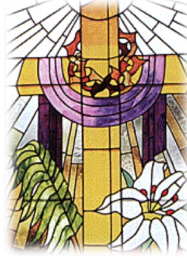


April 1, 2018

“So Now What”

Easter is the highlight of the church year, the biggest celebration of them all, after which I can't help but ask, "So now what?" After the Intensity of Holy Week, the sorrow followed by the joy, where do we go from here?



We go back to the work of living, of cleaning up the flowers, of straightening up after the party, and seeing the usual people on Sunday mornings. It's hard to not feel a little sad that every Sunday can't be like Easter. But my, what if it was? What if we came to church every Sunday to a similar experience of energy, joy and expectation; that on *this Sunday* and the next and everyone thereafter, our God of resurrection show up in magnificent, life-changing ways? That would transform every Easter-only-visitor into an every Sunday attender.

Easter is a Son that never sets but true to the form of every mystery, it's hard to hang to. It's always half-hidden to our hearts and so hard to sustain for very long. It took a while before the disciples stopped mistaking Jesus for a gardener. It took more than one visit to the tomb, more than one search of the garden, more than one good cry in the dark before they began to see. And in seeing, began to live the resurrection every day. It changed their lives, the lives of the people around them and eventually, the world.

The resurrection will change us today, if only for a moment. But sometimes those moments, strung together, are enough to change the world. May it be so for you and for me and the people we love.

- Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister



Dates to Remember:

April 14: Congregational Development—Discipleship

@ Trinity UCC, Reading—10:00 am.—12:00

register by going to psec.org, click on calendar, go to April 14th and click on event, once open, click on the link under “website”

April 21: Necessary Endings: When Does Closure Become an Option

@ One UCC, 1730 New Holland Road, Reading 9:00 am—12:00

register at: psecclosure.eventbrite.com

April 27-29 : PSEC Spring Youth Event (youth in grades 7-12)

@ South Mountain YMCA Camp, Wernersville

register at: psecsye18.eventbrite.com

May 5: Progressive Christian Worship Music Workshop w/ Rev. Bryan Sirchio

@ New Goshenhoppen Church, 1070 Church Rd., East Greenville

9:00 am—3:00 pm, lunch included

register at: psecsirchio.eventbrite.com

June 1—3: 2018 PSEC Annual Meeting

@ West Chester University, West Chester, PA

register at: psec2018annual.eventbrite.com

July 19-22: Eastern Regional Youth Event

@ California Univ. of PA, California, PA

Nov. 10: PSEC Fall Meeting