

# Music Ministry



**W**e are preparing for the Easter season: Special Good Friday and Easter Sunday music. If people want to sing just for those Sundays, we will begin rehearsing that music on Thursday, February 4 at 7PM. We have two new choir members to welcome: Jay Shapiro/bass, and Crystal St.Germain/soprano. There's always room for more singers...

Also, I want to thank all the people who helped make our Christmas Eve Service so beautiful and special. Jordie Sidor and Mark Coulter, narrators, the wonderful singers and soloists (Otto Pauls and Teri Hundsdorfer), and the musicians who played so beautifully...by Ann Schultz, Music Director

## Looking ahead to Easter Week

**Palm Sunday** - March 28 - Worship at 8:30 & 10:45  
 Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.  
 The Great Golden Egg Hunt is Saturday at 10 a.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sungreeters Service at 7:30 a.m.  
 Breakfast in the gym at 8 a.m.  
 Easter Worship Celebration at 9:30 a.m.

## Missions

### Team in Sudan February 1-12

Dave and Margie Anderson, Peter Kaiser, Len and Kim Renfer left to return to work in Southern Sudan. on February 1st. Four new villages have been scouted out for our team members to share and live out their calling as believers. Please pray:



1. for our team to have boldness and wisdom as we share with hurting people
2. that a vision of our absolute King Jesus would be so fixed in our mind that it would flow like a fountain for the Sudanese to see
3. that the Lord would give grace to our Sudanese brethren we will work alongside, who despite hardship sacrifice so much for the Lord
4. that God would graciously open hearts to repent and trust in Him

## Worship

**W**hat does worship mean to us? Is it just a Sunday morning corporate proclamation or does it include private daily worship? Both are important to believers, as worship is at the heart of our relationship with God. Author, Jerry Bridges has said, "The vitality and genuineness of corporate worship is dependent upon the vitality of our individual private worship." Warren Wiersbe described worship as "the believer's response of all that he is-mind, emotions, will and body to all God is and says and does. This response has its mystical side in subjective experience and its practical side in objective obedience to God's revealed truth." In worship, we come face to face with the Holy of Holies, which collides with our innate sinful nature - rectified only by the amazing grace of Calvary. We can do nothing but bow down in worship, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

Worship is-

- All about God-not about you and what you need
- Dependent upon the Holy Spirit and made possible by the shed blood of Christ
- An overwhelming sense of God- in you, with you, and around you-intimacy with the Almighty
- Recognition of God as giver and sustainer of all-utter and complete dependence upon Him

Worship

- Involves thanksgiving and praise and varies in form
- It requires fear (reverential awe) of the Lord
- Becomes a deepening spontaneous response as the believer comes to know God better and to love Him more.

Spend personal time in worship asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to your heart the glory of God as seen in His infinite attributes.

**A**lmighty God, open our eyes to see you, as we allow your Holy Spirit to lead us into worship-glorifying you, the Most High God.

...by Bonnie Molinari, Prayer Coordinator