

Welcome!

A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson with edits by Pastor Pier]

Last week we celebrated the single most pivotal event in human history: mankind's confrontation with death. Each year we remind ourselves of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth because we believe those events in the life of one Man changed everything for everyone. A month before human reality got turned on its axis, no one knew.

Jesus was an itinerant Rabbi or prophet or teacher. The ruling class didn't know quite what He was, but they were convinced He was trouble. The masses were all-in when He performed miracles, but ho-hum when He didn't. His inner circle not only knew who He was, except for an occasional inspiration of the Holy Ghost, soon forgotten. They had strong opinions about what He was going to do when they arrived in Jerusalem. And that's where they were headed. Straight into the heart of the Hebrew holy days.

But that's ancient history. Literally.

Where are we in this story? You might think that with 2,000 years of hindsight, we would be full of respect (for Jesus) and confidence (for our future). That's true for 1/3 of the world's population. But the other 2/3 who make up the majority of humans can't seem to wrap their heads around who this Jesus guy really was and what He really did. And even if they accept that He was a rare person who changed the world, they remain spectators. After all, lots of famous people have changed the world.

A month before His execution, most Israeli citizens were spectators in the drama of Jesus' life. That's like saying that Jesus is a spectator in the drama of **our** lives.

Maybe not.

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Youth & Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Evening Prayer – 6 to 7 PM.

Wednesday Bible Study – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid's Club & Youth in the basement, learning about the Lord.

While the Pastor is away, Artie Henderson will be filling in.

Liturgical Dance – we will have a practice Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. It is important that those involved be prompt.

New York Women Of Purpose – Saturday, April 30th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Liberty Church, 1840 Albany St., Schenectady. There is a flyer on the entry door and a sign-up sheet in the foyer. For more information, please see Caroline Zeyak, or Leah Pier.

Very Special Heart Felt Thanks – to all those who gave offerings to help the Pastor represent the church in Costa Rica. God bless you. We appreciate your prayers while we minister there.

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