

## Neighbors meeting Neighbors!









# Today's Message:

# What is your Promised Land?

## Easter Sunday

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Kalamo Church

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# Building - Caring - Sharing!

Thank you for being here at this sacred time!

You are welcome at this incredibly sacred time for online worship! Hear the Good News of Jesus in this time of incredible need and confusion.

Building new relationships with your neighbors, and caring for your neighbors far and near.

Feel the love and compassion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

#### Key Verse:

John 3:16-17 (NLT)

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him!

#### **EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK**

Sunday, Apr 4 - Easter

- Easter Sunday!
- 10:00 Online Service
- 10:00 Drive-in Service
- 11:30 Coffee time on Zoom

Monday, Apr 5

Prayer time-Easter Challenge-

Tuesday, Apr 6

7:00 Trustees meeting

Friday, Apr 9

• 9:00 Fellowship time on Zoom

Sunday, Apr 11

- 10:00 Online Service
- 10:00 Drive-in Service Holy Communion-BYOE
- 11:30 Coffee time on Zoom

No other activities at the church building this week.

### John 20:1,6-7,11-18 (NRSV)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### <u>Isaiah 65:17-20</u> (for reference, not read)

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

#### Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

#### PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

Our country! Paul & Marie, Roy, Kelly, Siren Shelter families, those afflicted with the Coronavirus, and especially those on the front lines of health care, the hungry and homeless. Our church and its mission, our neighbors, leaders around the globe, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and most especially, those who do not know Jesus!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Drive-in worship every week</u> Except for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy worship from the comfort of your heated car!!!

<u>Easter Challenge – Week 1</u> Spend 5 minutes in prayer each day: Picturing in your mind how you see your Promised Land! Is it a place? Or a state of mind? Is it somewhere that you feel the incredible love and peace that is a gift from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Pray that Jesus might grow in your heart in a bigger way!

<u>"Check Us Out" Cards!!</u> Grab a few "Check us out" cards to share with your friends and neighbors! We need to get the word out about Kalamo! Otherwise – nobody knows! Contact Pastor Jerry for questions and to get more cards!

<u>Pray for our church!</u> Please lift up our church as we continue to develop our online presence. We all would rather gather inperson, but there is an incredible potential for reaching people online – that are not likely to come into our physical church. Jesus tells us to go to where the people are. Prayers are needed!!

**Pray for our country!** Please continue to pray for our country and our new President. Regardless of our political orientation, our best interests are for our President to be successful in healing the divisions in our country and bringing people together!

**In-Person Worship** The light seems to be appearing at the end of the tunnel!!! It is looking like we may be able to resume inperson worship maybe early May! Stay tuned!!! We are closely monitoring the developments in our area.

**Fellowship Opportunities!**: The Covid-19 virus seems to bew getting worse so we need to make every effort to stay in touch with each other. This is also a time that we can discuss new ideas for gathering, studies, and worship content. We will be offering more opportunities for virtual fellowship:

- Sundays 11:30 Coffee on Zoom!
- Friday mornings at 9:00 am Fellowship on Zoom!

<u>Feedback – please!</u> As in all things – please give us your feedback! Nothing is cast in stone; we are all trying to adapt to these changing times! When we do our worship video the silence on my side of the camera is deafening! I need your comments!

<u>Offering Bucket</u> Please continue to support the church and her ministries during this time of "social distancing" Our ministries and efforts are continuing.

The options are:

- mail in your check (1475 S. Ionia Rd, Vermontville, 49096)
- set up online bill pay in your bank's website
- Use the PayPal donation button on our website: kalamochurch.org!

#### **Notes from today**

Please use this sheet to make any reminder notes from the worship service this morning for reflection during your personal devotion time.

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