

Dear Hip Church,

Christ is risen! We look forward to saying that on Easter Sunday, and, of course, Easter's coming is the headline of this month's edition of the church newsletter. We will also get to say the word we only hear in church unless we're listening to a Leonard Cohen song. You know the word I'm talking about, right? It rhymes with "what's it to you".

Holy Week will begin with Palm Sunday on April 13. Worship Elder Mary Diehl and I have already had a conversation about how we might make this worship experience distinctive among others here at Holiday Island Presbyterian Church.

The Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service will begin at 5:00 PM on April 17. Strictly speaking, a tenebrae service is a "service of darkness" that begins with lots of candles, and after each reading in a series, one of them is blown out. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on the night that we remember its institution. Remembering Christ's Passion on this night is always heartbreaking yet hopeful.

On Sunday, April 20, we will celebrate Easter in all its glory and give thanks that Easter is a season when the choir leads worship with a cantata on Easter's second Sunday April 27. I personally give thanks for every voice that is lifted in worship every Sunday at the church. We serve a resurrecting God who, in Jesus Christ, experiences and promises resurrection.

To God be the glory,
Pastor Ron
