

Dear HIP Church,

Easter has arrived at last, and it feels good to be celebrating the season with you! Thanks to all of you who led services during Holy Week and beyond, especially the choir. Louis Menendez's leadership is appreciated. The church's Easter cantata is a marvelous tradition in which I gladly participated.

Our Easter sermon series, which will begin Sunday, May 4, will be called "Who's Who in the Early Church". We will be following Lectionary readings from Acts, which is the New Testament's definitive history of the early church. I hope that you will see your stories told in the biblical stories that we will be prayerfully considering this season.

I am grateful that I have made my way through the church directory a second time and give thanks for the Lenten conversations that I had with you. One of these conversations generated a conversation with the session about how we might live more fully into the church's mission. I am eager to see where these conversations will lead us.

I look forward to seeing the "snowbirds" in the congregation as you begin to return. I look forward to seeing the rest of you, too. My prayer is that this summer at Holiday Island Presbyterian Church will be the one that God would have us enjoy and share with our friends and neighbors.

Blessings,
Ron
