



## The Bell | April Faith Formation at HUCC

### PASTOR'S CORNER TEND TO LOVE



It was about six o'clock last Thursday night when I walked out the front door toward my car. I was planning to go pick-up the pizza we had ordered for dinner but, as we all know, sometimes plans can go awry. I hadn't even left the porch when my eyes were suddenly drawn to the large German Shepherd that was sitting on the lawn.

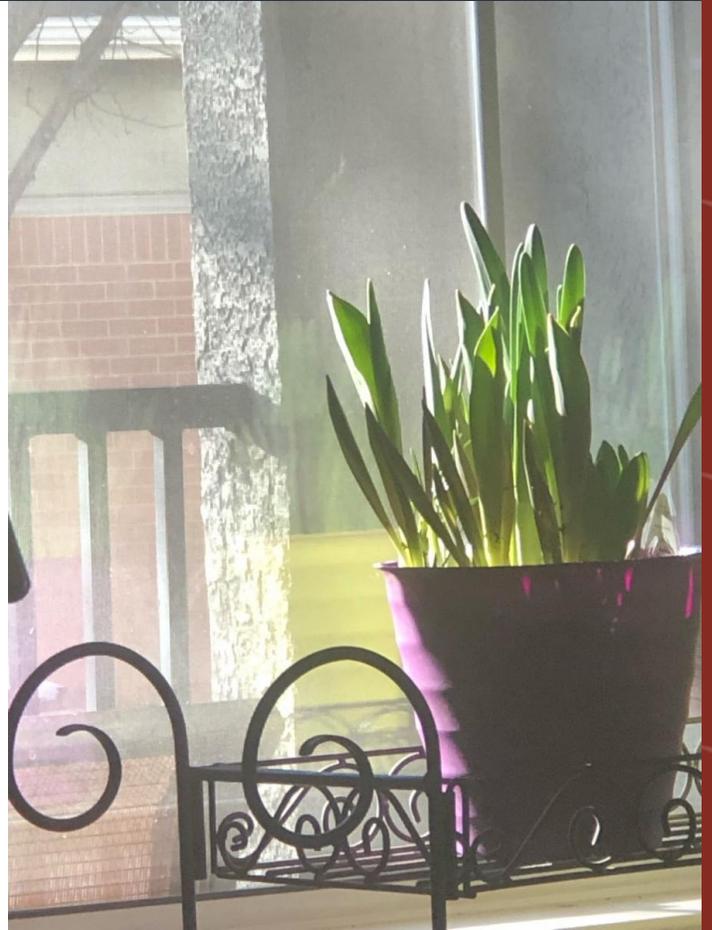
When she saw me moving in her direction she got up and walked towards me, her tail wagging from side to side enthusiastically. She seemed friendly enough and so I knelt down to examine the tags hanging from her collar hoping to glean some helpful information. The only phone number on there was for one of those dog finder businesses that reconnects lost pets with their families. After several lengthy conversations with the less-than-helpful folks staffing that service, I learned that the dog resided about twenty blocks northeast of me; I couldn't help but pity this poor, sweet dog who seemed to have wandered a long, long way from home.

A little while later, I received a call from the dog's owners who, as it turns out, were an even longer way from home; I say this because they called me from their hotel in San Diego. They were attending a wedding there and figured that the person they'd arranged to pet-sit must have inadvertently left the dog door at the house unlocked. We all wondered how and why their dog, whose name is Tova, had ended up where she had — in my front yard, several miles away from where she lived. After apologizing profusely for the trouble caused, they reached out to their pet-sitter and asked them to come to my house and fetch Tova.

*But wait, there's a twist! Find out what had really happened to our little lost Tova [here](#).*

#### ***The Prayer of Growing Things***

Turn to the God of Yes, the God of Let Me Nourish, the God of I Believe In You. The God of mercy, God who gives, God of what takes time, God of hidden gifts unfolding. Let the God of Yes bear fruit in you, the fruit of Yes for others, for nourishing, not judging. Be a gardener of Yes, and may your own roots be nourished. Amen. *(Prayer adapted from Steve Garners-Holmes)*



### FLOWER POWER

#### Honeysuckle

In Sunday School we are talking about Generosity. Flowers show us how to be generous by giving of themselves. For example, honeysuckle shares the gift of sweetness, by producing nectar for birds and butterflies to drink.

Like a flower, Jesus also showed everyone how to bring more sweetness to the world by giving love and affection to everyone around him, and to God.

This Sunday, we will be meeting another flower who shares the gift of fragrance. One day during Holy Week, a woman poured a beautiful fragrance on Jesus's feet. In return, Jesus showed her respect and honor. This moment of kindness between two people shows us that love happens when we pay attention and reach out.

During our Wednesday night Lenten soup suppers, we are taking time to listen to each other and notice our losses, as we process all the changes in our lives. We are helping each other with the work of letting go. For a wonderful children's book about the different ways people process grief, check out *[The Rabbit Listened](#)*. Which animal are you?

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

## "Tend your Garden"

Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32



### Sunday March 27, 2022

Welcome visitors! Please connect with us [here](#).

-- 10 a.m. Worship --

In the Sanctuary and on [Facebook livestream](#)  
[Bulletin](#) and [Scripture](#)

-- 10:45 a.m. Bistro --

In-person only in McMullen Hall  
Masks are required.

### Looking Ahead: April 3, 2022

On April 3rd, we will open up a [Zoom room](#) after worship for folks to visit with each other remotely. For those attending church in-person, the Zoom will be running in the conference room during Bistro if you would like to pop in and say hi. If the attendance is good, maybe we can make this a new hybrid fellowship time for Communion Sundays. Stay tuned!

### Faith Formation Events | April 2022

#### Children

##### Easter for Kids

Sunday School is held every Sunday at 10 a.m. both in-person and on Zoom. The Zoom link is posted on the [blog](#).

April 6th will be the last Wednesday night soup supper and intergenerational worship for the Lenten season. Holy Week begins on April 10th with a Palm Sunday "palm parade." Please arrive 10 minutes early to get your palms in McMullen Hall. For those participating online, any green branch from a tree or plant will do!

Easter Sunday is April 17th. Following the 10 a.m. all-ages worship service, there

#### Youth

##### Easter Bonfire

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join monthly projects! Our focus this spring is service to animals.

On Saturday, April 16th at 4:30 p.m, youth are invited to gather for a service project at church. We will be tying dog toys for animals in our local shelters. Thank you so much to all who contributed to the youths' bake sale, which raised funds for the purchasing of supplies.

At 6 p.m. on April 16th following the service project, the congregation will gather in the church parking lot for a small Easter Vigil bonfire. We will

#### All Ages

##### A Great Hour of Sharing

This Sunday begins our annual mission offering for One Great Hour of Sharing, which funds development and disaster relief projects around the world.

Envelopes will be available at church on March 27th and April 3rd, and children are invited to decorate their own envelopes to collect dollars and coins for the offering. Adults who wish to contribute can make checks out to HUCC and write OGHS in the memo line. Or, you can make a fast, secure online donation [here](#) and designate your gift for One Great Hour of Sharing. To learn more about the important work accomplished by this

will be an Easter Egg hunt at 11 a.m. in our church memorial garden. Please dress however you feel comfortable.

The Sunday after Easter, our church will celebrate Earth Day during worship. Children both at home and online will receive seeds to plant a veggie garden at church or in your own kitchen.

have a "letting go" ritual of burning slips of paper to release our burdens of the past two years. Songs and s'mores may be in the offering as well!

This Monday is the last day to sign up to join the youths' Summer Mission Trip to Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, UT on June 10-12.

ecumenical mission offering, please check out this short [video](#).



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