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SEEKERS CHURCH
A Church of the Saviour Community
Revised Common Lectionary

Easter 2021
We Are Witnesses

“What the world needs now are signposts of what's ahead, markers for the new world just around the corner. The world does not need heroes; the world does not need more messiah complexes. The world does not need Christians who want to ride in on a white horse to save the day. What the world needs are witnesses. Nothing more and nothing less. The earth needs people who can bear witness to the ways in which the world has already changed through the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jonathan Martin, Prototype: What Happens When You Discover You're More Like Jesus Than You Think? p. 197.

Does the world need witnesses?

April 4

EASTER SUNDAY

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20: 1-18

April 11

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 18

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 25

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

May 2

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 9

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 23

DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*Readings are available on the Internet at
<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>*

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THE CALL OF SEEKERS CHURCH

Our call is to be a "Seekers community" which comes together in weekly worship rooted in the Biblical faith, with shared leadership; and disperses with a common commitment to understand and implement Christian servanthood in the structures in which we live our lives.

By "Seekers community" we mean an intentional body which sees Christ as our true life source. Koinonia with one another and genuine self-giving to the world are the ways we can be in Christ today. Seekers are not persons who have arrived, but persons who are intentionally on the way.

By shared leadership we mean empowering the gifts of women and men to help our worship flow out of and feed into the life of the community. We are committed to evoking and giving space to new gifts of preaching, liturgical leadership, creative worship forms, giving, mission and other acts of faith.

For us, Christian servanthood is based on empowering others within the normal structures of our daily lives (work; family and primary relationships; and citizenship) as well as through special structures for service and witness. We desire and welcome participation in Seekers of women and men of every race and sexual orientation. In Seekers Church we will equip and support each other in all of these areas and seek a balance among them.

The Seekers community sees itself called into Christ's ministry of deliverance from bondage to freedom in every personal and corporate expression. We recognize the value of each individual and seek to heal any wounds of discrimination inflicted by our society and church.

Seekers is committed to participation by persons of all ages. We see children, youth and adults of all ages as valuable and valued parts of our community, and desire their inclusion in our care, our ministry, and our life together.

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