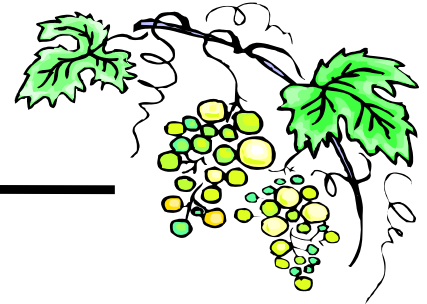


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Special

Events &

Services

MONDAY

MAY 10

Summer Sunday

Service at 10am

May 24

10:00am

Continued Services

with

ANNIE BIRDSONG

at 10am

TUESDAY

Sunday Service

CHURCH COUNCIL

MEETING

MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY

Notable Verse

1 Peter 1:3-9

All that we love is something

that no one can explain.

It is made of deep devotion

and of sacrifice and pain.

It is endless and unselfish

and enduring, come what may.

It is nothing and is everything

and it is all that we have.

It is patient and forgiving

when all that we are forsaking.

And it is never still or silent

even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing

when the world around us condemns.

And it glows with all the beauty

of the most, brightest gems.

It is far beyond defining.

It defies all explanation.

And it still remains a secret

like the mysteries of creation.

All many splendored miracles

man cannot understand.

And it is the wondrous evidence

of God's tender, guiding hand.

Gifts from the Heart

by Helen Steiner Rice

A Note From Our Pastor...

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Grace from the God who loves us, and the Son through whom we are saved. Amen.

All the glory of that luminous moment *Shine* gently gives way to the most joyous of days *despite* with the hope of even more precious tomorrows. It really doesn't get any better than this.

Paul says this way in Romans: *"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* And again: *"Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. Do we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. While He died, He died to sin once for all; but He lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

This is a perfect description of the way things look on this side of Cross. There is no gloom and doom here. There is no heaven or hell in us, as to have set up a veil between us and the sun. Not here. There is even the slightest feeling of foreboding. Whatever kind of disaster we might have imagined, coming as a result of our sin, has not materialized, and we are justified in our joy.

But again, as mentioned Sunday, there is more than just the joy that comes in all of this. Beyond the joy is hope. As I believe someone once said, "Hope springs eternal." And this is true. But it is not just because somebody said so. It is true because it is what we hoped for has, in fact, been realized, and we are, by far, the better for it. *"Those who hope in the Lord,"* says Isaiah, *"will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be tired."*

In the same way, this hope is confidence to us. The "empty tomb" shows us that God is up to my challenge. When God says that the dead shall be raised, we can be absolutely sure the dead will be raised. For God's word is unshakable, good, solid, and without contradiction. We can certainly oppose it, but without success. And this is most certainly true as regards the truth behind the "empty tomb."

For this reason, we can be at peace, knowing that the same God who is with us today will someday complete His work in us. This, more than anything else, gives us joy and hope. In the meantime, we continue to rely upon the words so wonderfully spoken by the angels: *"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen!"*

He is risen, indeed!

Pastor Stead

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Women's Ministry

Dear Women of Abiding Savton

Thank you again for all your support to the summer sale. While the figures were not great (\$1824), any amount is a blessing. The Women's coordinating committee is currently meeting with our Women's representatives so we should have a figure soon from Women's matching funds. You and Women's coordinating committee members are Maureen Welch, Jan Boney and myself.

Our April meeting was good but we had a small turnout was small. We will have a meeting in May. Our fall budget for the Women of Abiding Savton is to pay about the same for Women's Ministry. I'd like to see us to pay about what we would be if we had to pay for you in the fall. We have not set a date for any fall activities until we hear from you. There are numerous options available to us as a group. Can we meet at a different time? Would you prefer to have more Bible Study and less emphasis on social activities? I would like to have more young mothers to be involved. I would like to have a camp.

Women's Ministry has been strong in the past. We are going to be equipped with a skill bought all the new plastic tables. We have a lot of new disposal and related plumbing updated. We are big supporters of the various charities in Abiding Savton support. I hope you have sent generous donations to the Sisters of Mary, Peggy, and the Campus Crusade. We are glad to have a warehouse and the New Commission. We are going to Abiding Savton to summer in the process and to our emergency fund. We are also to overseas.

Under Women's Ministry, Sister Hospitality Committee and the SCOP of the Angels.

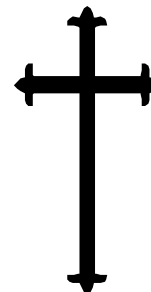
We believe that God may be leading us in new directions and we are waiting on that direction to be confirmed. This is where you can help. Share with Carol Parks, Gita Ridd, Plouis Zimmerman, Maureen Welch, Sandy Smith, Sue Gibson, Jan Welch and myself or any of the other active women what you would like to see in the "New" Women's Ministry to do. And please always keep us in your prayers as you keep Abiding Savton in your prayers. We want to see a Christian church.

In Christ we are,

Blessings

We will strive to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

- Pray daily
- Worship weekly
- Read the Bible daily
- Serve at and beyond ASFC
- Relate with others to encourage spiritual growth
- Give generously with a goal of 10% and beyond



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Sunday Bulletin and the Saturday Wednesday at

1000am to the upcoming Sunday.

E-mail information to the Sunday Bulletin to

judy@abidingravton.org

Work

There are different kinds of service, but the same God. There are different kinds of working, but the same God who works all of them in all men.

1 Corinthians 12:6-11

Abiding Savior

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If you have moved or changed, you may please contact us so we can make the appropriate changes to the database. This will not only save money, but will also assure that you will receive the check and the mailings from the church.

ABIDING SAVIOR PRAYER CHAIN

Monday Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer requests from
8:00am - 7:15pm, call Greg at 847-828-7883
or call Bob at 847-828-7883

Tuesday Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer requests
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Bill Regan at 847-828-7883

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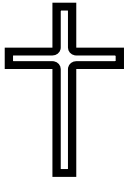
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**SUMMER
CHURCH
SERVICE**

**10:00 AM - COMBINED SERVICE
SHARING, SUNDAY, MAY 21
with Adult Bible Study to follow**

**SUMMER
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

**10:00 AM - Children's Sunday School
on 6th and 11th Sundays in
June, July, and August**

**SUMMER
CHURCH
HOURS**

**Church Office will be closed
on 6th days in the months of
June, July, and August**