

SPOKANEWORD

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Following the teachings of the Living Christ, we are an open, loving, and affirming community. We believe that God's Light is inherent within all people. There are no exceptions.

Sunday Schedule

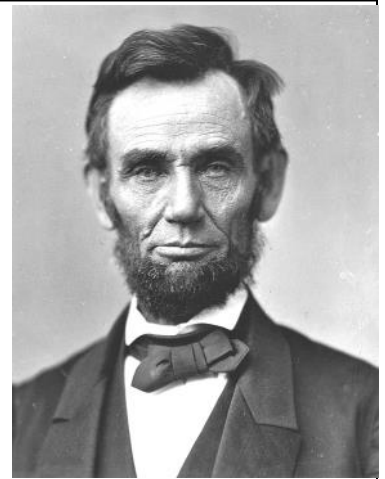
Traditional worship in stillness begins at 8:45 a.m. or when first person sits down
Programmed worship 10:00 a.m.
In-Person and Via Zoom
See Website For Link

First Sunday of the Month
Potluck Meal at rise of worship

Third Sunday of the Month
Monthly Meeting for Business begins at rise of worship

Second Inaugural Address

by Abraham Lincoln



At this second appearing to take the oath of the presidential office, there is less occasion for an extended address than there was at the first. Then a statement, somewhat in detail, of a course to be pursued, seemed fitting and proper. Now, at the expiration of four years, during which public declarations have been constantly called forth on every point and phase of the great contest which still absorbs the attention, and engrosses the energies of the nation, little that is new could be presented. The progress of our arms, upon which all else chiefly depends, is as well known to the public as to myself; and it is, I trust, reasonably satisfactory and encouraging to all. With high hope for the future, no prediction in regard to it is ventured.

On the occasion corresponding to this four years ago, all thoughts were anxiously directed to an impending civil war. All dreaded it, all sought to avert it. While the inaugural address was being delivered from this place, devoted altogether to saving the Union without war, insurgent agents were in the city seeking to destroy it without war—seeking to dissolve the Union, and divide effects, by negotiation. Both parties deprecated war; but one of them would make war rather than let the nation survive; and the other would accept war rather than let it perish. And the war came.

One eighth of the whole population were colored slaves, not distributed generally over the Union, but localized in the Southern part of it. These slaves constituted a peculiar and powerful interest. All knew that this interest was, somehow, the cause of the war. To strengthen, perpetuate, and extend this interest was the object for which the insurgents would rend the Union, even by war; while the government claimed no right to do more than to restrict the territorial enlargement of it. Neither party expected for the war, the magnitude, or the duration, which it has already attained. Neither anticipated that the cause of the conflict might cease with, or even before, the conflict itself should cease. Each looked for an easier triumph, and a result less fundamental and astounding. Both read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces;¹ but let us judge not that we be not judged.² The prayers of both could not be answered; that of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!³ If we shall suppose that American Slavery is one of those offences which, in the providence of God, must needs come, but which, having continued through His appointed time, He now wills to remove, and that He gives to both North and South, this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offence came,

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(continued from last page) shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a Living God always ascribe to Him? Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away.

Yet, if God wills that it continue, until all the wealth piled by the bond-man's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash, shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether."⁴

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds;⁵ to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan⁶—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.

1. Genesis 3:19

2. Matthew 7:1

3. Matthew 18:7

4. Psalm 19:9

5. Psalm 147:3

6. James 1:27

Note: We thank Don Hyslop for bringing this remarkable speech to our attention. The Second Inaugural Address of Lincoln is considered by many to be one of the most significant presidential speeches in American history. Given on March 4, 1865, it is only 701 words long and probably lasted 6 or 7 minutes. The people listening were weary and demoralized after four years of a brutal civil war that claimed the lives of over 500,000 soldiers, more than in any other American War. Lincoln leaves no doubt that the war was about slavery, which he considered our national sin, and he claimed that both the North and the South shared some of the blame. But he did not speak of "I" and "me," rather he used the inclusive language of "we" and "us" in an attempt to rise above the divisiveness and start the process of healing a divided nation. A few short weeks after his inauguration, on April 14, Lincoln was shot as he attended a play in Ford's Theater. The speech is carved in its entirety into the north wall of the Lincoln Memorial, and the phrase "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" became the motto of the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, indicating the Government's acceptance of those responsibilities.

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... And just to get difficult remembrances out of the way at the same time (and because Mother's day is in May), we present the original Mothers' Day Proclamation written by Julia Ward Howe in 1870. She was an abolitionist best remembered as the poet who wrote "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

"Arise, then... women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of tears! Say firmly: We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.

From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice. Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence vindicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of council.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take council with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after his own kind the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women, without limit of nationality, may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient, and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace." -- Julia Ward Howe

MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

16 April 2023



Clerk Laverne Biel opened the meeting with reflections on the message presented by Johann Maurer, followed by prayer. 11 people were present.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Laverne Biel with reflections on the serenity prayer and how we influence people, followed by prayer.

The Minutes were read and approved, with an updated price quote for roof repair, to \$42,000.

Treasurer's Report: Jon Maroni reported income is up and expenses are down from this time last year. He suggested a range of \$1,200 - \$1,500 per month as salary for a part-time pastor based on current financial figures.

Discussion followed about how many hours and what salary we can afford to offer a part-time pastor; primary focus would be pastoral care and administration (email, phone calls, office presence) rather than delivering sermons.

Pam Emery, in a secretarial capacity, indicated an appreciation for having another person in the office for consultation and answering questions. Discussion followed about what the secretary does on a weekly basis. It was noted that the pastor may want to have input on hiring a new secretary.

It was approved to advertise the position at a salary of \$1,500 per month and approximately 17 hours per week.

Elders Report: Krista Maroni reported that Elders discussed the speaker schedule. They also discussed how to advertise the pastor position and procedures for inviting applicants for interviews.

Stewards/Trustees Report: Bill Emery said there will be a church work day on April 22 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Walter Simon briefly reported on work he's doing for Jonas Cox (guns to plowshares). He expected a church publicity ad that he submitted to be in the Fig Tree, but it did not appear. Fig Tree apologized and will run it next month. There is a contractor's quote for roof repairs. Walter thinks there are some questionable add-ons. He continues working on faith-based HUD grants.

Pillars: Sharing the Light and Congregational Care are working on a book study based on In His Image. Serving the Community had no report.

Lois reported that four groups use the building during the week and stated it's a good use of the facility.

The Nominating Committee needs to work on finding a new Treasurer. Jon has agreed to work through June. Elders also need a replacement for Tina Weaver.

Laverne thanked us for our attendance at and patience in the business meeting. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Susan Keehnen

Recording Clerk

MAY IS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Ways to Celebrate

- * Watch a documentary about Asian American history -- for example, Asian Americans by PBS.
- * Go to a rally, reading, or in-person event
- * Heading for Seattle? Visit the Seattle Asian Art Museum (also known as SAAM)
- * Read a book by an AAPI author -- such as
 - Minor Feelings by Cathy Park Hong (essays)
 - Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner (a memoir)
 - Pachinko by Min Jin Lee (novel)
 - Hawaii's Story by Queen Lili'uokalani (novel)



Quaker News

Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends will be having our Annual Sessions June 23 -25 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR. Please mark your calendars. Registration information will be available soon. Rachel Hampton, SCYMF Gathering Committee

- ⇒ Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends will have it Annual Sessions June 23 - 25 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR. The theme is “Hard-Earned Hope: Finding Our Way Together” Registration information will be available soon.
- ⇒ **Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends** will hold its annual sessions at George Fox University on July 23-27, 2023.
- ⇒ **World Quaker Day** for 2023 is Sunday, Oct. 1. This is an annual event where we celebrate the diversity of Quakerism around the world and build connections to make our community stronger. This year’s theme is “Living the spirit of ubuntu: Responding with hope to God’s call to cherish creation - and one another.”
- ⇒ **American Friends Service Committee** is advertising 30 jobs from volunteers to interns (\$20/hr) to top dogs (Associate Regional Director, West Region at \$81-98K). For more info, put “American Friends Service Committee jobs” in your search engine.
- ⇒ **FCNL** is advertising for a **Legislative Director for Foreign Policy** and also for **Economic Justice Policy and Advocacy Manager**. They also have many volunteer opportunity for young adults. More information is available at <https://www.fcnl.org/about/work-fcnl>
- ⇒ **Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends** is advertising 5 jobs, including three pastors, an office manager, and a camp director. For more info, go to <https://nwfriends.org/job-openings/>

All The World's Alive Again

by Jennifer Gunner

The rabbit hops its gentle step
The lark sings lyric songs
All the world's alive again
Spring rights the winter wrongs.

YOUR
DISCOWEST

Alan Binnie's Mexican Tomato Lime Soup

Ingredients

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 (46 ounce) can tomato juice
- 2 cups chopped fresh tomatoes*
- 1 large lime, juice of (1/4 cup)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- hot pepper sauce, to taste



Directions

1. 1. In a big pot, over low heat, sauté the garlic and cumin in hot oi for 1 minute (don't let the garlic brown).
2. 2. Add in the tomato juice, fresh tomatoes, lime juice, and cilantro; stir to combine.
3. 3. Let simmer for several minutes.
4. 4. Add hot sauce, salt, and pepper to taste.

*Alan says that unless you can get homegrown tomatoes, two cans of petite diced tomatoes tastes much better than any grocery tomatoes.

To serve, offer shredded Monterey Jack cheese (or crumbled queso fresca, sour cream, sliced or chopped avocado, and tortilla chips which can be broken up to add to top of the soup. .

You can also experiment with adding other ingredients to the soup such as garbanzos (chickpeas), cannellini beans, or whole kernel corn.

Caritas Needs This Week

Food:

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| Canned fruits | Tuna in Water |
| Pancake mix | Syrup |
| Canned Chili | Canned peas |
| Canned carrots | Chef Boy-Ar-Dee |

Necessities:

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| Kleenex | Dish soap |
| Band-Aids | |



Thank you again from Caritas Staff and Volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

- Volunteer Coordinator: Duties include the recruitment and scheduling of Food Pantry volunteers (as needed)
- Volunteer Driver on Wednesdays to assist in the pick-up of donated food at a local grocery store -- only 2 hours, 8 - 10 am.
- Back-up Driver needed when scheduled volunteers become unavailable.

Call 509-326-2249.