

EASTER 2020 GREETINGS From First Baptist Church in Dorchester

These are unsettling times. As we approach Easter, we are told to stay home. If we go out, we are to keep six feet away from others. This is not done to be mean; but, to show our love for our neighbors so that we do not make them sick. Because of this, we have altered our services. Until further notice, all services will be on line at the same time they would have occurred if they were in the church. That is, Bible study is on Wednesday night at 6:30 and services are on Sunday at 10:30-11:30.

To find our on line service go to our Facebook page. People with or to without Facebook accounts can go to <u>https://www.facebook.com/FBCDorchester/</u> and they will see our page. On the left of the page is a listing titled "events", click on that and follow the instructions. Sign on 5 minutes before the service starts. If you do not have internet, call the church. Someone will get back to you to walk you through communion.

Palm Sunday, April 5^{th,} is also communion Sunday. Celebrate communion with us in the following way: have ready when you log on a plate with some bread and a glass of grape juice or wine. If you have neither, fruit juice, or as a last measure, water will do. Follow the communion service on line; we will then all eat and drink together but in different places.

During Holy week, we will celebrate Mauday Thursday at 6:30PM; Good Friday at 6:30 PM and Easter Sunday at 10:30 AM, all on line. There will be no Easter Breakfast.

There will be no official SON Rise Service; but, those who wish, are invited to be in front of their homes (or at a window) facing the rising sun at 6:00 AM. Sun rise is at 6:07. Bring your Bible. Say the Lord's Prayer. Reflect on the sun rise. Read Luke 24: 1-9. Then repeat (or sing along with your computer):

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior, Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord! Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes, He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

HE is risen indeed, and we will celebrate that together in different places.



Although we are not meeting in the church right now, our expenses continue. Please, mail your Easter gifts, as well as your tithes or offerings to: First Baptist Church in Dorchester, 401 Ashmont Street, Dorchester, MA 02124. Please do not send cash. You may also donate on line by going to our web page <u>https://www.fbcdorchester.com/</u>. At the top and bottom of the page is a link "Donate" which allows you to donate with a credit or debit card. Click on the donation link and following the instructions. This link has been created through Bank of America. We are assured of it safety. If you have trouble using the link, please let us know.

Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover. Passover is a ceremony to commemorate when, to force Pharaoh to release the Hebrews who were enslaved in Egypt, a plague struck Egypt. God's people were told to stay in their homes with the blood of the lamb smeared on their doors so that the angle of death would pass over them. Jesus is the lamb of God. He shed his blood so that our souls might have eternal life.

Stay indoors. If you go out, stay at least 6 feet away from others. Wash your hands frequently. Do not touch your face with your hands. This will pass. God bless and keep you.

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