



This Week at Ascension

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[Recording of Rev. Javier Ocampo's Sermon from Maundy Thursday, April 2](#)

[Recording of Randy's Sermon "This Isn't Over" from Good Friday, April 3.](#)

[Recording of Ms. Kate Siberine's Sermon from the Easter Vigil, April 4.](#)

[Recording of Randy's Sermon "Angels in Armor" from Easter Day, April 5.](#)

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Calendar Highlights

Saturday, April 11

9am Women's Mini Retreat, Panera's

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons

9:30am Ascension's Adventure Group,

Congressional Cemetery

11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons

11am Overeaters

Anonymous, Ascension House

Sunday, April 12

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

9am Holy Eucharist, Main

Meet Jürgen Moltmann

The other day Kate Siberine asked me about my awareness of Moltmann. I hadn't thought about him for many years! Once in a while I would read a quote of his and be totally blown away. As you might guess from his name, he is a German theologian. He is Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology at the University of Tübingen. On April 8 he turned 89. I like him because the excerpts of his writing that I stumble across shock me. In a good way. Enjoy!

Randy

"[Faith] sees in the resurrection of Christ not the eternity of heaven, but the future of the very earth on which his cross stands. It sees in him the future of the very humanity for which he died. That is why it finds the cross the hope of the earth." - Theology of Hope

"In the raising and exaltation of Christ, God has chosen the one whom the moral and political powers of this world rejected - the poor, humiliated, suffering and forsaken Christ. God identified himself with him and made him Lord of the new world The God who creates justice for those who suffer violence, the God who exalts the humiliated and executed Christ - that is the God of hope for the new world of righteousness and justice and peace." - Ethics of Hope

"Believing in Christ's resurrection therefore does not mean affirming a fact. It means being possessed by the life-giving Spirit and participating in the powers of the age to come."

"In the cross of Christ God is taking man dead-seriously so that he may open up for him the happy freedom of Easter. God takes upon himself the pain of negation and the God forsakenness of judgment to reconcile himself with his enemies and to give the godless fellowship with himself. - Theology of Play

"For resurrection faith means courage to revolt against the "covenant with death" (Isa. 28:15), it means hope for the victory of life which shall swallow up and conquer life-

Church

9am Godly Play, Room 6

9am ESOL Class, Room 1

10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel

10:15 am A Joyful Path, Room 3

10:15 am Rite 13, and Confirm, not Conform, Ascension House

10:15 am Choir Practice, Choir Room

11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel

11am Godly Play, Room 6

11:15 am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Monday, April 13

6:30pm Overeaters

Anonymous, Undercroft Commons

Tuesday, April 14

9:30am Staff Meeting, Library

11am Yoga, Chapel

6pm Spanish Bible Study, Room 3

7pm Education for Ministry, Library

7pm Still Water Mindfulness Practice, Chapel

8:30pm Al-Anon, Ascension House

Wednesday, April 15

10am *Speaking Christian*

Book Group, Library

7pm Codependents

Anonymous, Ascension House

8pm Gamblers Anonymous, Ascension House

Thursday, April 16

6pm Spanish Class, Room 3

6:45pm Girl Scouts, Room 6

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

devouring death. - Theology of Play

"When the fear of death leaves us, the destructive craving for life leaves us too. We can then restrict our desires and our demands to our natural requirements. The dreams of power and happiness and luxury and far-off places, which are used to create artificial wants, no longer entice us. They have become ludicrous. So we shall use only what we really need, and shall no longer be prepared to go along with the lunacy of extravagance and waste. We do not even need solemn appeals for saving and moderation; for life itself is glorious, and here joy in existence can be had for nothing." - The Power of the Powerless

"Believing in the resurrection does not just mean assenting to a dogma and noting a historical fact. It means participating in this creative act of God's ... Resurrection is not a consoling opium, soothing us with the promise of a better world in the hereafter. It is the energy for a rebirth of this life. The hope doesn't point to another world. It is focused on the redemption of this one." - Jesus Christ for Today's World

Announcements

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HEADLINERS

[Godly Play, April 12](#)

[A Joyful Path, April 12](#)

[Rite-13 and Confirm, not Conform](#)

[Youth Sunday, April 19](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Wednesday Evening Spiritual Practice Opportunities](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Speaking Christian Morning Book Study](#)

[The Portable Jung](#)

[Women's Mini Retreat, April 11](#)

[Men's Retreat - Save the Date!](#)

WORSHIP

[Acolyte Training and Review](#)

[Worship Rosters, April - June](#)

Sunday, April 12

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Flanders

Flower Delivery: Alice Padmore,
Esther Sawyer

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Bob
Owolabi, *Chalicians:* Enid Cole,
Wadai Dennis, *Healing Prayer:* Lisa
Murdock, *Acolytes:* Raymond Chin,
Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas,
Welcome Team: Janet King,
Florence Sirleaf, *Altar Guild:* Enid
Cole, Mardia Dennis

9:00 AM *Readers:* Gary McLaughlin,
Sue Snay, *Prayers:* Betsy Hasegawa,
Chalicians: Jerry Pfadenhauer, Dotty
Pfadenhauer, *Healing Prayer:* Kate
Siberine, *Acolytes:* Kofi Dickson,
Lisa Dickson, Alex Hanson, *Welcome
Team:* Nii Armah Akuete, Ruby King,
Charles Dickson, *Altar Guild:*
Ophelia Yalley-Ogunro, Esther
Allotey-Taylor

11:15 AM *Reader:* Alice Benson,
Chalicians: Christian Nwankwo, Peg
Ruppel, *Healing Prayer:* Alex
Langley, *Welcome Team:* Pete
Minderman, Sciou Broderick, *Altar
Guild:* Alice Padmore, Georgana
Maines

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher:* Rebecca
Smith-Kevern

Eucharistic Visitors: Pamella Irons-
Forth, Peg Ruppel

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SERVICE

[Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

[Ascension's Cancer Support Group](#)

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Ascension's Adventure Group to Tour Congressional Cemetery,
April 11](#)

[ESOL Class](#)

[Family Movie Night, April 17](#)

[Fall Event](#)

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THE ASCENDANT

[April](#)

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:
Church of the Good Shepherd

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:
Debar, Carol, Sue, Lee, Gordon, Joseph, Roderick, Ann, Susan,
Ellen, Joan, Nancy, Sarah, Onepe, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran,
Robert, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in
trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our
country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and
their families. For all people affected by natural disasters,
violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended
Healing Prayer List.

Altar Flowers:
Given by Fran Spina in celebration of her mother Lyn's 96th
birthday.

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