

# Worship & Music Committee meeting [online: via Zoom](#) Apr. 5, 2022

Present: Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Carolyn Ciaccio, Linda Longardner, Liz Beale, and Susie Smalley

Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from Judges.

## **Old Business:**

- † setting changes: We discussed which setting to use next (beginning Easter Sunday). Liz likes setting 3 the best. Carolyn stated what settings we had used in 2018 & 2019, and Susie confirmed that and gave other information as to which settings have been used lately. After quite a bit of discussion, we finally landed on using setting 3 through Pentecost (June 5) then switching to using setting 8 beginning June 12 and subsequently thereafter (ending: TBD). We will discuss further changes during our future meetings.
- † Palms & Easter Flowers: The palms were ordered but are not yet here. They will be arriving this week. Tulips (asst. colors) will be here Friday, April 15.
- † Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022): There were 23 people in attendance at church and 11 households that tuned in via Zoom. Evening lighting was used, service began (somewhat) and ended in silence, and the service included the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.
- † Wednesdays during Lent: There have been Wednesday evening services (only on Zoom) at 7pm. There has been an average of 12-15 people in attendance each week.

## **New Business:**

- † Palm Sunday (Apr. 10, 2022):

We're taking more steps in the direction of getting back to 'normal/pre-COVID' worship!

Beginning Palm Sunday, we will have readers again. Also, we will go back to the wafers and cups we used prior to the pandemic instead of the communion kits we've used for almost a year now. We won't be kneeling at the railing quite yet but will instead do continual communion. The reader and the deacon of the month will serve as communion assistants and distribute the wine. There will be a basket on each side of the front aisle in which people can put their empty cup.

We decided last month to read the Passion According to Luke in its entirety (from the booklets, with various people reading the different parts) and not to intersperse hymns in the reading. A couple people had signed up to read different parts, but not nearly enough. Susie invited people to take part and that personal invitation seemed to make the difference - all but one part is covered now! Sherry asked if Susie had informed people to stand while they read their part; she hadn't told all the readers that, so she'll have to ask them on Sunday to stand up for their reading.

- † Maundy Thursday (Apr. 14, 2022): service at 7pm. Sherry has had many people (altar guild) volunteer to be there to help strip the altar at the end of service. Service will be in person. Zoom worship will be available if Pr. Scott can get someone to help screenshare the bulletin. Phil & Susie will be running their rink and won't be able to be at service.
- † Good Friday (Apr. 15, 2022): service will be at 7pm. As on Maundy Thursday, Zoom worship will be available if Pr. Scott can get someone to help screenshare the bulletin. Susie wasn't sure what Pr. wanted to do for hymns and asked if he would like to choose them; he said he would. Sherry asked about whether or not the black drapes needed to cover the windows and Pastor said no. The tradition of having darkened windows may have started a very long time ago here and is more closely associated with the Tenebrae service. Actually, the traditional time to begin Good Friday service has been at 3pm.

† Vigil of Easter (Sat., Apr. 16, 2022): We had a long discussion about the Easter Vigil. Linda pointed out that, having an older congregation, it's very late for them to go to/return home with it starting at 8:30 and being a lengthy service. Though most people can just decide not to attend, Linda can't, if we need an accompanist. Susie asked if we could hold the service but just not have music. Pastor responded that yes, we could. Though music is a wonderful addition to our worship services, it is not a *necessary* part. After yet more discussion, with consideration of what attendance to this particular service has been in the past, we decided NOT to have the Easter Vigil this year.

† Butterflies - The butterflies will be hung at 9am on Sat., April 16<sup>th</sup> and will remain up through Mother's Day (May 8). Therefore they will be up for a total of four Sundays this year.

† Easter Sunday (April 17, 2022) - Service will be held normal time (9:30am), with the lights on like usual (will not start dimmed). Also, there will be no Easter breakfast this year - just fellowship time after service.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 1pm, via Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Smalley