

Dear United Church Members and Friends,

Our scripture passage this Sunday is the first of three readings (and sermons) on Paul's understanding and belief about the Resurrection from 1 Corinthians 15. In responding to what Paul had heard about their behavior and questions concerning faith, specifically, Christ's resurrection—he went “back to the basics”... back to what he first proclaimed to them. He reminded them of this in our reading this Sunday. He also presented an overview of the people and groups the resurrected Jesus appeared to on and after Easter, before Paul then challenged those within the Corinthian church who claimed there was “no resurrection of the dead”. His challenge claims that without Christ's resurrection, their faith and work would be “vain” and “futile”. I trust that the readings for the next three Sundays, from this foundational chapter within Paul's letters (and the New Testament), will expand our understanding and belief about our faith... and about what Paul believed—unwaveringly—to be the crux of the gospel!

Join us for worship this Sunday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary or online at Unitedchurchla.org.

Communion will be celebrated!

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-19

Sermon: “Easter 101”

Classes for all ages begin at 11am.

Next Sunday, May 10th (Mothers' Day), our high school graduates will be recognized during the worship service!

Grace and peace,

David