

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING? – Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Hello Westminster folks:

I'll begin this week's 'What's Happening?' by letting you know that Jack Muma, a (former) very active Westminster member and Church Treasurer, passed away recently. A celebration of his life was held on at Victoria Greenlawn Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Second, a number of you asked for copies of both the Rev. Dr. Lydia Gruchy's biography and the International Women's Day poem read at last Sunday's service. If you haven't yet received your copy by email, please pick up a printed one this coming Sunday. They will be placed on the ushers' table at the back of the church sanctuary.

As captioned above, Sunday, March 17, is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. (It's also St. Patrick's Day so I'm expecting to see plenty of green in the pews).

The assigned lectionary reading for our worship service that day is John 12:20-33, a rather confusing one, proving once again that the Gospel of John is without doubt the most theological and least historical of all four gospels in the New Testament. To make a long story short, in this rather odd biblical text we're told that some 'Greeks' came to 'see' Jesus, and when they finally got to 'see' him, Jesus was totally preoccupied, orating a lengthy soliloquy or monologue about his pending death.

Not the stuff to inspire visiting 'Greeks' for sure; or the creation of an uplifting sermon for this coming Sunday's gathered flock. Nevertheless, I persevered and finally drafted Lenten remarks based on this peculiar New Testament passage. My sermon is

titled “We Too Would See Jesus” [Subtitle: ‘Jesus; A Man of Integrity’]. I look forward to receiving your post-service feedback on this one.

It should be noted too that March 17 is not only St. Patrick’s Day and the Fifth Sunday in Lent but also the final Sunday of the Lenten Season. The following Sunday, March 24, we enter what traditional Christians call ‘Holy Week’, a serious and sombre time set aside for marking and observing the final week of Jesus’ life.

Those are my final Lenten thoughts for this issue of ‘What’s Happening?’

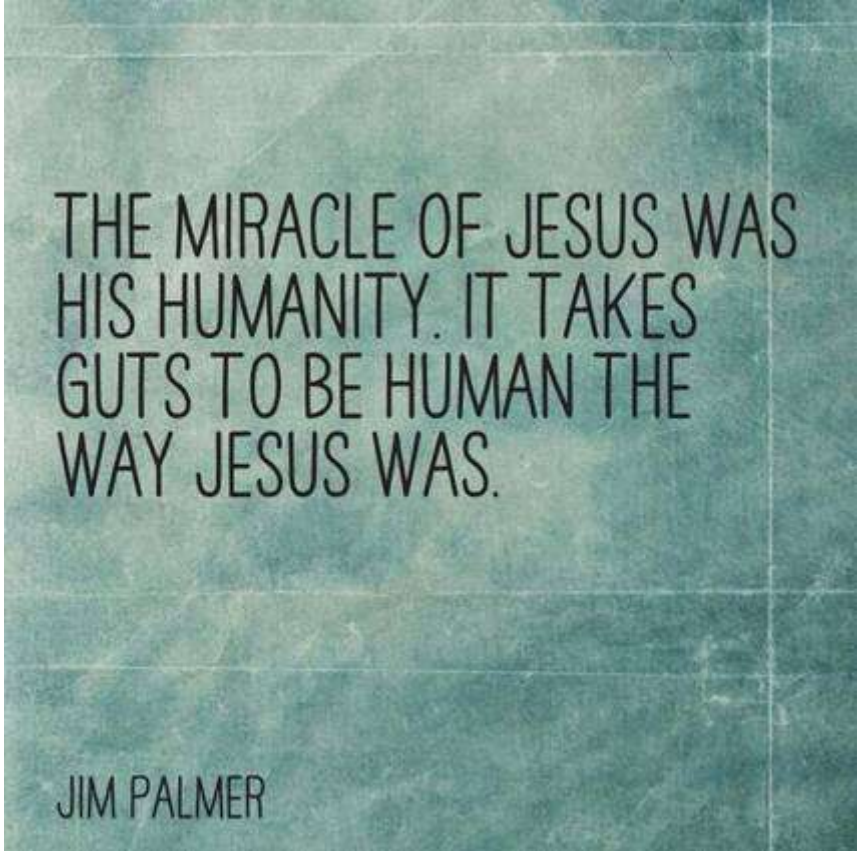
Whether you plan to worship and celebrate in-person or virtually, I look forward to being with you again this coming Sunday.

Peace and Joy,

Rev. Del

The **ANNOUNCEMENTS** for this coming Sunday have been attached to this email.

***INSIGHTS*** – Crude though it may be, all I can say to what follows below and attached is ‘AMEN!!! How about you?’



THE MIRACLE OF JESUS WAS  
HIS HUMANITY. IT TAKES  
GUTS TO BE HUMAN THE  
WAY JESUS WAS.

JIM PALMER