



April 1, 2020

Dear GVBC Family,

The White House Easter Egg Roll officially dates to 1878, when Rutherford Hayes was president. The tradition began when a group of bold children walked up to the White House gate, hoping to be allowed to play egg-rolling games there. President Hayes told his guards to let the children enter, and soon Easter Monday on the White House grounds became an annual tradition. But recently the White House canceled [its upcoming annual Easter Egg Roll](#) because of [the coronavirus outbreak](#). Even the Easter Bunny has [to socially distance himself now](#). But the good news is that Easter has not been cancelled! In just a few days we will be entering Holy Week. Some twenty years after the resurrection of Christ, Paul wrote to the Philippians:

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Phil 3.10-11

It is clear that we have available to us today, as Paul did, the power of the resurrection and the future attainment of eternal life. Christ's resurrection creates for us an unstoppable force and provision to live this life freed of fear and not subject to the deadness of this world. Despite our unprecedented circumstances, we will be celebrating the last week of Christ's life starting this coming Sunday. Below, you will find the schedule for our on-line services.



Please remember the various opportunities to stay connected and serve others found below.



1) **Stories of Faith**

Available for viewing every Wednesday, after 5pm at **GVBC on Youtube**.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvPk2my4XxxGNley7Jvsbng>

Create a Youtube account and Subscribe to our channel!

How to Create a free Youtube account: <https://bit.ly/2y3KH41>

2) **GVBC Member Care**

Whether you want to serve by distributing groceries or supplies or if you are requesting any sealed supplies please email Pastor James: james@gvbc.net or send a text message to: 310-920-4264.

3) **Sunday Worship Service**

English Services: <http://www.gvbc.net/sundayservice>

Japanese Service: <http://live.gvbc-jp.net> (Starting at 10:45am)

Sunday is NOW an Interactive Experience starting at **10:00am** sharp. From 10 - 11am, you will be able to post comments, offer prayers, and share encouragements with one another. However, in order to do so, you will need to have created a Youtube account.

4) **Prayer Needs**: Send email to: prayfirst@gvbc.net

5) **Church Office is Closed**. But feel free to call the office and leave a message if you have a question or concern.

6) **Tithes & Offerings** Online to GVBC can be done by going to gvbc.net/donate or sending a check by mail to: Gardena Valley Baptist Church: 1630 W 158th St, Gardena, CA 90247.

In this season when so many sit watching the daily count of those infected and those who have died from Covid-19, our focus needs to be elsewhere. We look to the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12.2) for His deliverance.

While we intercede for our city, state, country and the world around us asking for God's intervention we remember that we worship a plague-stopping God (2 Samuel 24). Only He who has defeated death can defeat a virus!

Serving the Risen Savior,

Pastor Doug

"Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 15.54-57