

Go To Some Church Sunday it's Easter



The Meaning of Easter

On the morning of Easter the Christians of an earlier day used to exchange this greeting: "The Lord is risen," and the answer: "He is risen indeed"—a statement not simply of an event in time, but of a process in eternity.

And the great missionary apostle wrote in his letter to the Colossian Christians, "If (or since) ye be risen with Christ, seek these things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God," and adds, that the way to accomplish it is to "set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth."

These words seem to suggest a little as to the meaning of Easter: The setting forth of an eternal fact, and just a hint as to the interpretation and personal application of that fact.

The friends of the Crucifixion had given the world a picture of death, of darkness, of despair. The Hope of the world nailed to the cross and dying between two thieves. The disciples, who trusted that He it was who would redeem Israel, broken-hearted, scattered, defeated.

Abruptly, completely, the scene changes and Easter Day gives a picture that makes hope live again. Something has transpired that transforms defeat into victory, something that transforms the beaten, defeated, disillusioned disciples into a dynamic, courageous body that carried the gospel message throughout the length and breadth of the great empire of Rome, and that within three-quarters of a century.

Easter brings a cross that is empty; a tomb that is empty, and a message from the Eternal Truth that tells of Light and Life. Easter tells us that death is not a wall, but a door; a door into a shadowy passageway that leads through darkness into light—the light of God's presence.

In the words of one of the greatest of all war-time chaplains:

"I know
There is no death. 'Tis but a phantom
fear
That haunts the soul apart from God.
Christ rose!
The stone was rolled away, and echoing
His voice startled Death's sentry guards.
"Behold
I live forever, and have cast the keys
Of Hell into the bottomless abyss."
Lift up your heads, ye golden gates, for
all
To enter in who will to walk the way.
Christ lives! And round the living Christ,
new worlds
Burn to their birth in light; new triumph
songs
Make music 'mid the silent stars, and
swell
Like ocean's thunder on a sounding
shore.
Life! Life! More Life! Christ lives for-
evermore."

These Churches Invite YOU

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| HEPPNER CHURCHES | IONE |
| All Saints Memorial (Episcopal) | Co-Operative Church of Ione |
| First Methodist Church | St. Williams Catholic Church |
| Heppner Church of Christ | |
| | BOARDMAN |
| St. Patrick's Catholic Church | Community Church |
| The Assembly of God | |
| | IRRIGON |
| LEXINGTON | Assembly of God |
| Lexington Church of Christ | Baptist Community Church |

The Following Merchants Sponsor This Page

Farley Pontiac Co.
A FINE CAR MADE FINER
NOW ON DISPLAY
Heppner, Oregon

Heppner Photo Studio
SNAPSHOTS at EASTERTIME
Will Keep Forever
LOUIS LYONS
Heppner, Oregon

Heppner Bakery
Decorated Easter Eggs
with Name
CAKE EASTER HATS

Elkhorn Cafe
SPECIAL EASTER DINNER
We Cater to Families
Heppner, Oregon

Saager's Pharmacy
Heppner, Oregon

Heppner Cleaners

Norah's Shop
Ladies and Children's Apparel
Heppner, Oregon

Turner, Van Marter & Co.
REAL ESTATE - INSURANCE
Heppner, Oregon

Heppner Red & White Store
Heppner, Oregon

Humphrey's Drug Company
Heppner, Oregon

Central Market & Grocery
Heppner, Oregon

Archer-Daniels Midland Co.
Grain Buying Grain Storage
Ione, Oregon

Heppner Garage

Owens Hardware
Your Marshall-Wells Store
Heppner, Oregon

O'Donnell's Cafe
Heppner, Oregon

Thomson Bros.
Groceries & Produce
Heppner, Oregon

Pacific Power & Light Co.
Your Partner in Progress Since 1910

C. A. Ruggles
BLAINE E. ISOM AGENCY
P. O. Box 611
Heppner, Oregon

The Heppner Gazette Times

Join these Merchants in
Urging Your Attendance at Church Sunday