

Sunday, April 29

Title of the Message: Being a Living Sacrifice

Scriptures: Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 2:1-11

Since Jesus' death and resurrection, there is no longer any need to be sacrificing animals in the Temple in worship. Instead, the Bible calls us to be 'living sacrifices' – generously giving our lives to God in worship and service. To be living sacrifices, however, means that we must be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This takes work because the values and attitudes of the world infuse our minds through such daily sources as TV ads, politician's speeches, rubbing shoulders with others.

Let us take on the new life Jesus came to give us, and let us be transformed from:

- scarcity to abundance
- anxiety to trust
- defensiveness to neighborliness
- accumulating to "enough"
- from holding on tight to generosity.
- individualism to community
- competition to cooperation
- from entitlement to heart-felt gratitude.

Thanks be to God for the New Life Jesus gives us.