

# Pastor's Corner

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**April 2012 – Rev. Eric Lane**

Dear Friends,

Where did winter go? This has probably been one of the mildest winters that I ever remember. And with the coming of spring, the trees budding and flowers blooming, everyone is wondering and watching for that “other foot” to drop. Or in other words, many are waiting for that last winter day, that cold snap, which will rob us of all the beauty of the spring.

Well I can't say whether we will get one last snap of cold weather or not. I can't say for certain that your flowers are safe and you can plant your gardens without fear of a late frost or not. But what I have come to realize is that often we live our lives with Christ anticipating what is about to happen. At times we are always looking over our shoulder for the “other foot” to drop—especially when it comes to sin in our lives.

This is not how God wants his people to live. God has given to us the promise that “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:17). God's desire is for us to live as children of the light. Through Christ, victory over sin and death has already been achieved; so, instead of living as those who are waiting for the “other foot” to fall, let us live as children of the living savior who promises “that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Let us reach out to the world around us and share with others the message of the Good News Gospel. Let us live our lives so that those in the world may see the light of Christ living in us, and come to know Christ as Lord of their lives.

Jesus says “Come to me all who are weary and carry a heavy burden and I will give you rest.”

There are many around us who are weary, and many who have great burdens; so, let us share with them the light of Christ, so that they may find rest. With the coming of spring, we witness the newness of life; so, let us share this life with those whom we meet as we walk through our journey of life. Let us share the message that in spring new life begins, and in Christ, we too are promised new life. However, the life in Christ is a promise that will last throughout eternity.

Yes, we have a story to tell to the nations—the story of how Christ came into our lives and made a difference. The story of how Christ is waiting to make that difference in the lives of others.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, let us take time to invite others to join us in this celebration; and let us not forget to stop and give thanks to God for the many blessings that he has bestowed upon us. Amen.