Beyond Colorblind Redeeming Our Ethnic Journey

BEYOND COLORBLIND

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An 8 week series beginning on April 19th @ 6:30-7:45pm in the Lounge with Small Group leader Val Red-Horse Mohl

(book by Sarah Shin and worksheets will be provided at no cost)

God created us with our ethnic identities. We bring all of who we are, including our ethnicity and cultural background, to our identity and work as God's ambassadors. In our broken world, ethnicity and racial identity are often points of pain and injustice. Brokenness around ethnicity can be restored and redeemed, for our wholeness and also for the good of others. When we experience internal transformation in our ethnic journeys, God propels us outward in a reconciling witness to the world.

This series, led by Val Red-Horse Mohl, is for everyone of all ethnic backgrounds.

Stop by the Plaza on Sunday after church to talk with Val or email her at valerier@valerieredhorse.com for more information.

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Easter Sunday April 9, 2023 Pastor Briant Cuffy

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Acts 17: 26-34

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

"In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said," 'For we are indeed his offspring.' Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." So Paul went out from their midst. But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.



Speaker: Pastor Linda Jackson Worship/Real Options: Becky Morales Cost: \$10 per person

Childcare available for single moms

Unwrapped Baby Shower donations for Real Options

Receiving blankets

3-6 month baby clothes for boys and girls



Small bottles of shampoo, lotion, bath wash, nail clippers





Sign up after service or email Linda@crosswalkchurch.com to register



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Journey Notes

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Susan Coolidge wrote, "Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were only three days apart!" It's as if God is saying something not so subtle: I am loving enough to give my only begotten son to die, and powerful enough to raise him back to life.

Easter is how God put things back together. Paul writes, "God put on him the wrong who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God" (2 Cor. 5:21 MSG).

When we celebrate Easter, we're saying nothing is ever outside the bounds of God's power to disrupt or change. There is nothing we face, now or in the future, that God cannot resurrect. No broken dream, or broken heart, or failing health, or shattered life, or failing marriage: nothing.

So, when you leave the service today, I want you to remember this:

(1) Jesus' death and resurrection is not simply a fact of history, it's a factor of hope (John 3:16, Revelation 1:5-6).

(2) The resurrection of Jesus does not just say your sins can be forgiven; it says your eternal future can be secure (John 11:25, Ephesians 1:18, Philippians 3:20-21).

(3) But finally, the resurrection of Jesus means your life in all its ups and downs can be truly and deeply rooted with meaning, power, and purpose(1 Peter 1:3, 1 Corinthians 15:21).

In the final analysis, Easter is our ticket to a new day. It's our chance at a new self-understanding. It's a confrontation of all the ills of life. It says, "Because I live, so can you!"

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