Rev. Ted Said . . .

Exit Into Life

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.”

Exodus 20:2

Our next sermon series will come from the book of Exodus. I am calling the series Exit Into Life. The theme is based on the scripture text, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.” Each and every one of us have been in a “foreign land.” An overwhelming place of burden on us and our families. There are times in our life when we need help finding a new direction – toward a new way of living and being. There are also times in an institution’s life (the church) when the institution needs to move in a new direction.

The book of Exodus is an interesting text that looks at three main characters: God, Israel (the people) and Moses. I could say all of us are characters in this book. We all are in need of an Exit Into Life. But moving out of our status quo is never easy. It was not easy for Moses or the Hebrew people. They had been enslaved for 400 years, yet after they are set free they cry to go back to a life of slavery! In our worship we will weave together stories using prayer, music and sermon, the stories of our time – stories of seeking and finding a God of Grace who redeems and “saves” us from ourselves!

Soli Deo Gloria,

The Rev. Dr. Ted Pierce

April 8: “Rock-A-Bye Baby” Exodus 2:1-10
April 15: “You Just Call Out My Name” Exodus 3:1-12
April 22: “I Don’t Like Spiders and Snakes” Exodus 7:8-12, 20-24
April 29: “Free at Last, Free at Last” Exodus 12:33-40
May 6: “Part the Sea” Exodus 14:1-31
May 13: “Smoke on the Water” Exodus 19:16-25
May 20: Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation Sunday “Oh Happy Day” Acts 2
May 27: “Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign – Law and Order” Exodus 20:1-17
June 3: “Bodacious the Golden Calf” Exodus 32:1-35
June 10: “A New Covenant or The Covenant Restored” Exodus 34:1-9

Dedication Service

Join us on Sunday, April 29 following the 10:15 am service for a Columbarium/Memorial Garden dedication service.
Thank you for your continued generosity to our offering recipients. We will announce total raised for the Veterans Community Project soon!

Community Fundraising Events

We have a few opportunities for Rolling Hills members to represent our church at community fundraising events. If you are interested in attending, please contact Susan at susan@rollinghillskc.org.

**School Supply Drive**

If you see school supplies and backpacks on sale, purchase them! Our annual KVC Backpack and School Supply donations will begin in July. Watch upcoming *inSpire* articles to see the supplies needed for the children this year.

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**GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP LETTER**

You are receiving a cordial greeting, hoping that this finds you in good health. My beloved family and I are very appreciative of the help that you are giving me. It is already a great help equally for my family and me. I will let you know that we are on vacation now, and very soon I will enter my classes. I am already very happy because I will be enrolling in third grade elementary school in January. I promise to put all my efforts into it to earn good grades. Surely with your and my brother’s and my family’s help, I will come out ahead. As I enter third grade, I will realize my second goal in this stage of my education.

*I bid you goodbye.*

Josue Emmanuel Hernandez Upon
(Emmanuel)

The parents of this young man, Vicente and Maria, donated a good portion of their family property to their church family. It's on this property that we built their new church. How would you like to have a church in your yard, right outside your front door? The picture to the right is Emmanuel’s mother, Maria, with her new stove in 2012. The building directly behind her is the previous church they worshipped in, before Rolling Hills built them a new one!
Silver Singles
Silver Singles will meet at Cascones at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 19. For questions, contact Donna Leyda, 913-649-7994.

Calling All Crocheters, Knitters & Seamstresses
We are in need of volunteers to make baby boy receiving blankets. If you're interested, please contact amy@rollinghillskc.org. Thank you!

Cereal Sunday
We collect boxes of healthy cereal the first Sunday of the month for the Village Food Pantry. Please help us continue this long-standing food drive! Thank you!

Thank You Stephanie!
This month we said goodbye to longtime teacher and Preschool Office Coordinator, Stephanie Spencer. Stephanie has been with Rolling Hills Preschool for 21 years! She has moved on to teach Pre-K at Trailwood Elementary School, and we wish her the best of luck.

Grace at Work
Since its inception in 2005, our Stephen Ministry has touched the lives of 516 people in our congregation through caring relationships, lap robes, Journeying through Grief booklets and secondary loss resources.

"Grace Grows Here"

Shepherd's Center Central 50 FORWARD CLUB Event
Sister Act at the New Theatre Matinee
When disco diva Deloris witnesses a murder, she is put into protective custody in a convent! Using her unique singing talent, Deloris breathes new life into the community but blows her cover in the process.

When: Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 11:45 a.m.
Where: New Theatre Restaurant, 9229 Foster, Overland Park, KS
Cost: $35 for members, $48 (non-50 FORWARD Member)

For more information and to purchase tickets, email mdelaney@sccentral.org.
MUSIC & THE ARTS AT ROLLING HILLS

APRIL

4/4 KC SYMPHONY MUSICIANS AT ROLLING HILLS

Come enjoy the magnificent artistry of KC Symphony musicians, Chia-Fei Lin, violin and Lawrence Figg, cello with special guest pianist, Chi Long Hu from East Tennessee University. Performance will be at 7 p.m. in the Rolling Hills Sanctuary. The group will perform the Violin Sonata No. 2 in A Minor by Robert Shumann, the Cello Sonata in C Major by Sergei Prokofiev and the Piano Trio No. 2 in B Minor by Joaquin Turina.

4/7 NEITHER WOLF NOR DOG

Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church is hosting a dinner and screening of the movie, Neither Wolf Nor Dog. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. and the screening at 6:30 p.m.

Adapted from the acclaimed novel Neither Wolf Nor Dog by Kent Nerburn, the story follows a white author who gets sucked into the heart of contemporary Native American life in the sparse lands of the Dakotas by a 95 year old Lakota elder and his side-kick.

We're accepting $5 donation for the meal. The screening is free and in partnership with the Kansas City Indian Center and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Free-will offering will go directly to the Kansas City Indian Center.

4/12 FIRESIDE CABARET FEATURING DONNA TUCKER

We are pleased to welcome the one-and-only Donna Tucker to Rolling Hills! Donna will be joined by well-known Kansas City musicians Paul Smith, jazz pianist, Steve Rigazzi, bassist and Keith Kavanaugh, drums. The evening's concert will also include guest artists: Nick Stoppel, baritone, Alex Toepfer, saxophone, Juliet Pierce, flute, along with other special guests! Come enjoy the "cool" sounds of great musicians in the intimate setting of our beautiful Fireside room. Seating is limited, so please call the church office, or sign up on Sunday mornings, to reserve your spot. We are also accepting group reservations if you wish to sit with your friends/family.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. This is a free-will offering event. RSVP today!

4/21 SUZUKI SOLO RECITAL

Come enjoy the sounds of our youngest musicians at their solo recital on Saturday, April 21 at 2 and 4 p.m. in the Murphy Chapel at Rolling Hills.
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4/27 THE FIAMA STRING QUARTET

Join us for an evening of beautiful music given by the Fiama String Quartet on Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

The quartet will present a program of works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Anton Webern, and Alberto Ginastera.

Two of the members of Fiama Quartet are quite familiar to the Rolling Hills family. Alyssa Hardie Beckmann, viola and Matt Beckmann, cello are the founders of the Kansas City Suzuki Academy (KCSA), which is based in our church. They are joined by Filip Lazovski, violin and Chia-Fei Lin, violín.

This program is presented by Friends of Music & the Arts. We hope you'll join us for wonderful music, fellowship, and delicious food on April 27!

5/12 SUZUKI GROUP CONCERT

Come enjoy the sounds of our youngest musicians at their group concert, Popsicle Party, on Saturday, May 12 at 4 p.m. in the Rolling Hills Sanctuary.

BASSEL & THE SUPERNATURALS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came out to Bassel & the Supernaturals! We raised $1,000 for KC for Refugees, enjoyed wonderful music, met new friends and ate some yummy food! It was a great night!
CHILDS & FAMILY

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship

4th and 5th Grade Fellowship will meet on April 8 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us for laughs, lunch and lots of fun! RSVP to Amy@rollinghillskc.org.

Summer at Rolling Hills Preschool!

Rolling Hills Preschool and Mother’s Day Out will offer two, four-week sessions of Mother’s Day Out and Preschool on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enroll in the preschool office April 2-6. Summer session begins June 5.

Vacation Church School: May 29 - June 1

Come experience the ride of a lifetime at Rolling River Rampage from 9 to 11:30 a.m. May 29 through June 1. Join Romper, the otter each day for exciting adventures such as cool crafts, fun music, wonderful Bible stories, games and more!

Sign up in the office or online at http://2018.cokesburyvbs.com/Rolling-Hills.

Receive the CD rom for free by complete the registration by May 1! Cost is $20 per child or $30 per family.

Rosebud Sunday

Rosebud Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 13. Please contact Amy, at amy@rollinghillskc.org to be honored in this sweet tradition for new babies in our church family.

Day Camp 2018 - Register NOW!

Join us for fun and fellowship at Day Camp on June 4 - 8 in LaCygne, KS. Day Camp is designed for children who have finished grades K - 5.

Each camper is a member of a peer group. As a group, they participate in nature activities, group building games, Bible activities, cooking and hiking. They also canoe, fish, craft, swim, sing songs and make new friends.

Day Camp would not be possible without youth and adult helpers. Please consider spending a day (or two or three) with us at camp. It is a fantastic way to spend your day! Contact Amy with any questions, amy@rollinghillskc.org.

PALM SUNDAY & EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
April Events

April 1         Happy Easter (No Youth Group)
April 6-7      Middle School Retreat at Heartland Presbytery
April 8         Fellowship Night
                Middle School: 5:30 - 7 p.m.
                Dinner: 6:30 - 7 p.m.
                High School: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
April 15       Service Project Night
                Middle School: 5:30 - 7 p.m.
                Dinner: 6:30 - 7 p.m.
                High School: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
April 22       Interactive Life Lesson by Julie Kircher
                Middle School: 5:30 - 7 p.m.
                Dinner: 6:30 - 7 p.m.
                High School: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
April 29       FAMILY GAME NIGHT and Summer Ideas meeting, 6 - 8 p.m.

May Events

May 6          Mother’s Day Gift Making
                Middle School: 5:30 - 7 p.m.
                Dinner: 6:30 - 7 p.m.
                High School: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
May 13         Happy Mother's Day! (No Youth group)
May 19-20     High School Lock-In
                Sat. 8 p.m. to Sunday 2 p.m.
                Middle School Late Night Game Night
                8 - 10 p.m.
May 20          Confirmation Sunday and All Church Celebration Picnic
May 21        Senior High Study Hall, 5 - 8 p.m.
May 27        No Youth Group

Helping Cole Manguel with his Eagle Scout Project: Back 40 Fire Pit!

Keep your face towards the sunshine & shadows will fall behind you.
- Walt Whitman
Our Mission is to be
A Community of Grace

Our Vision is to
Love God with all your heart,
soul, mind & strength and
love your neighbor as yourself.

Our Values are
Generosity
Relationships
Acceptance
Compassion
Empowerment

VCS!
May 29 - June 1

Sign up in the office
or online:
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