

THE EASTER PARTY

Dear Friends:

Just a few days ago we celebrated Easter. Easter candy, Easter dinner, Easter family gathering, and most important of all Easter worship! Worship service was special in several different ways. It was good to see people back at church, great to see Dr Isaac, April and Ellie, good traditional Easter songs, and good to see a special guest: Valerii Mateash. Valerii is a Ukrainian war refugee living in the Links at the moment with his Godson's family. I don't have space to retell his story, but he has lost everything due to the bombing of his city. His very own words: "I have no house anymore, no family, no friends I know only my Godson's family, I have no one else.

Valerii worshipped with us and understood some of what we were saying by using Google Translate(a Translation App) it allowed him to have English translated into Ukranian in real time. I noticed after church he used it as people talked to him. He knows maybe 10 English words. He was one of the last ones out of church and when he was leaving, he used Google Translate to say to me: "Thanks for letting me come to your party". The more I thought about it the more he was right. I thought to myself: "If there is one day that is truly a day of celebration/a party it is Easter! Worship for Easter should be a party-like atmosphere. We have the greatest reason in the world to celebrate.

We serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today and I know that he is living whatever men may say. He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today...let's party/celebrate!

In Christ Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayers: Martin and Terri Scholesky (their son died in automobile accident), Valerii, Praise: Dick Fisher, continued praise report!