



## NEW RESOURCES

**Igniting Worship Series (Book with DVD):** This is designed to assist pastors and worship leaders in building an effective worship experience. The accompanying DVD contains video clips suitable for projection in worship or customized in desktop video software package. Background worship graphics coordinating with each service are included on the DVD. (Abingdon Press, ©2003)

**Helping And Serving (DVD0055):** Ten complete acts of worship on the topical subject of the "helping" ministries of the church, including feeding the hungry, assisting the homeless, and incorporating new believers into a life of Christian service. **The Seven Deadly Sins (DVD0067):** One Deadly Sin along with its corresponding Lively Virtue is featured in each of seven services. An eighth service sums up the major insights of the series and explores relationships between the Sins and Virtues: 1. Pride/Humility 2. Envy/Gratitude 3. Angry/Faith 4. Sloth/Hope 5. Greed/Generosity 6. Gluttony/Temperance 7. Lust/Love 8. Synergy—The Interrelationship between both the Sins and the Virtues.

**Exploring God's Purpose for Your Life (DVD0070):** A young person's life is full of decisions: What to do after high school, what career to pursue, whom to marry, where to live. This resource explores the path to finding God's will, helping young people to hear God's purpose for their lives. Segments: 1. God Has a Purpose for Your Life 2. Seeking God 3. Obstacles to Hearing God 4. Trusting God 5. Making Decisions 6. Steps of Faith. (1 DVD; 6 segments; 5-10 min./segment; guide; for Sr. High & College)

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### Announcement

Lists of available ethnic language materials in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean and ethnic resources in English for African Americans and Native Americans are posted on the MARC web page at [www.marc-web.org](http://www.marc-web.org). If you wish to check out any of these resources, call us at 888-217-1905, fax (616) 459-0191 or email [marc@wmcumc.org](mailto:marc@wmcumc.org).

**Nooma Series (VT3150-3157; DVD0068-0069)** Featuring the teachings of Rob Bell, Pastor of Mars Hill Church, Grandville, MI, this series presents Christian perspectives in a compact and concise way. Each video focuses on a different issue: 1. Rain: Things don't always work the way we want them to. 2. Flame: What's up with the word "love"? 3. Trees: Do our lives really matter? 4. Sunday: Why do we do things we do? 5. Noise: Why is silence so hard to deal with? 6. Kickball: Why can't we always have what we want? 7. Luggage: It isn't always easy to forgive. 8. Dust: Does God believe in us? 9. Bullhorn: Can we separate loving God and loving others? 10. Lump: A lot of us have done things in our lives that we are ashamed of. (8 VHS & 2 DVD; Approx. 10 min./video; for Sr. High & up)

**UMC in Southern Congo, April 2004 (VT3158):** This video features several projects of The United Methodist Church within the boundaries of the Southern Congo Conference which are in partnership with the Advance Program, the GBGM, other United Methodist conferences in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and other international United Methodist conferences. While the segments appear successively, the institutions are quite distinct one from another: TESOL (The English-speaking School of Lubumbashi), Katanga Methodist University, Mulungwishi Agricultural Program. (1VHS; 22 min.; informational guide; for adults)

### The Congregation (VT3149):

This is a two-hour cinema verite of the First United Methodist Church of Germantown. Filmmaker Alan and Susan Raymond spent two years capturing the life of the congregation as they struggled to accept a newly



appointed minister while at the same time supported their ordained lesbian associate pastor as she prepared for a clergy trial. It is a complex portrait of a Protestant church moving into the 21st century. (1VHS; 120 min.; Discussion Guide; Co-production of Video Vérité and WETA Washington DC, 2004)

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## RESOURCES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Antkeeper (VT2351):** This parable helps viewers: 1. Examine truths of the gospel in relationship to themselves and others; 2. Explore the problem of evil in the world and our inability to conquer it by ourselves; 3. Find imaginative ways to express God's saving action in the world. (1VHS; 27 min.; for Sr. High & up)

**Parable (VT0261):** A clown takes the place of circus members in difficult or dangerous tasks. This film without dialogue strongly impacts viewers, challenging them to reappraise the meaning of Christian life. (1VHS; 22 min.; for Jr. High & up)

**The Bridge (VT2557):** This story is a parable on God's sacrifice of the Son: a father working on the controls of a railroad track who is facing a moment that he must decide whom to save – the train passengers or his own son when he sees his young son coming toward him on the tracks. (1VHS; 11 min.; for all ages)

**The Fourth Wise Man (VT0372):** A Magi named Artaban pursues Jesus for 33 years. The story culminates on Easter Sunday as Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the new King, bringing peace to his final moments of life. (1VHS; 30 min.; for Jr. High & up)

**Resurrected Life: Understanding the Meaning of Easter (VT2439):** Practical insight into the transformational aspects of the Resurrection on a personal, intimate level that can affect profound changes in individual lives. (1VHS; 4 segments; 15 min/segment; for adults)

**In Remembrance (VT0076):** A re-creation of the Last Supper and the events that surround it—a dramatic portrayal of the lives of the disciples on their last night with Jesus. (1VHS; 45 min.; for Jr. High & up)

**The Last Supper (VT1454):** This video restores this special event emphasizing its Christian traditions and Jewish roots. It depicts Passover and the events of Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday. (1VHS; 33 min.; for Jr. High & up)

**Light In The Darkness (VT1208):** Using a variety of performance techniques including masks and mime, Doug Berky and his troupe of Movement Artists tell the story of the last week of Jesus' life on earth. (1VHS; 15 min.; for Sr. High & up)

**Listen To The Butterfly (VT0748):** With its music and narration, creative comparison of human growth to the development of the Monarch butterfly, this is recommended for use in a Lenten service. (1VHS; 25 min.; for Sr. High & up)

**Sunday Morning Live Vol. 2 (VT2521):** This is a collection of dramas that were first presented at Willow Creek Community Church. Different from traditional church drama, each sketch is a short (6-8 min.), contemporary vignette, rooted in real-life experience. The dramas in this series, specially written to reach the unchurched, raise questions. The 6th drama, "These parts," is about Jesus' resurrection, one of the basic beliefs in Christianity. (1VHS; 8 min.; for Sr. High & up)

**Lent, Easter (VT0496):** This video parables Easter through images and music. The only narration is the Holy Scripture. (1VHS; 10 min.; for Sr. High & up)

**It Is Finished (VT1882):** A storytelling of the last five chapters of John (17-21)—told with the words of the Scriptures by professional biblical storyteller Dennis Dewey. (1VHS; 32 min.; for Jr. High & up)

**Fish Eyes: Episode 11 & 12 (VT1391):** Ted and Lee, your hosts, tell the story about Peter and Andrew who were disappointed with Jesus at his trial and were skeptical about Jesus' resurrection. Episode 1. The Arrest & Denial; Episode 2. From Fear to Faith. (1VHS; 2 episodes; 15 min./episode; for Jr. High & up)

**Was Jesus Really Raised from Dead? (VT1847):** Your hosts, Dominic Crossan and Craig Evans, examine the testimony of the Gospels and claims of the early Church. Tape 8 in Faith and Reason Series 1. (1VHS; 25 min.; for adults)

## CHILDREN'S RESOURCES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**The Trial Of Jesus (VT2866):** 30 min.; Ages 9-13.

**Jesus Dies On The Cross (VT2867):** 30 min.; Ages 9-13.

**The Resurrection Of Jesus (VT2868):** 30 min.; Ages 9-13.

**The Easter Story (VT0151):** 30 min.; for ages 9-13.

**Jesus' Suffering, Death And Resurrection (VT0285):** 23 min.; for ages 4-8

**Selfish Giant (VT2215):** 25 min.; for ages 4-11

**Easter Is ... (VT0192):** 20 min.; Ages 4-8.

**The Story Behind the Cross (VT2462):** 30 min.; for ages 9-13.

**Story Of Benjamin Burro (VT1218):** 25 min.; for ages 4-8.

**Magic Boy's Easter (VT2213):** 30 min., for ages 9-13.

**The Donkey's Tale (VT2374):** 15 min. for ages 9-13

**He is Risen (VT1655):** 30 min.; for ages 9-13.

**Easter Today, Easter Forever (VT0390):** 30 min.; for ages 4-8.

**First Easter Rabbit (VT0374):** 23 min.; for ages 4-8

**Easter Party (VT3018):** 25 min.; ages 3-6.

**Return of The King (VT2724):** 25 min.; for ages 3-6

**The Proud Tree (VT1058):** 25 min.; for ages 4-11

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