



**Welcome to April,  
St. George!**

March Madness (the college basketball tournament) and Easter are behind us, and I look forward to fully welcoming Spring to our Southern Utah home. We will be continuing our annual theme – *A Grand Rising* – focusing on our *Giant Gentleness*. It's fitting that I chose April to write for the monthly newsletter, because throughout most of my life I've been referred to as a "gentle giant," as a big person with a gentle spirit toward others.



During April, we are exploring the power of gentleness. In week one, we focus on how every moment can be beneficial to our well-being, even the ones that don't appear to be welcoming. In week two, we examine how gentleness can enhance our relationships and interactions with others, moving beyond judgement – to compassion. In week three, we learn to expand that gentleness to encompass our communities, activities, and even (oh, my) politics. I'm anticipating that Rev. Joe and our guest speaker, Eugene Holden, will have some interesting perspectives and I'm excited to learn gentleness from them both.

In April, we also have the opportunity to demonstrate our gentleness to Mother Earth, as April 22nd is the annual Earth Day celebration. I know that each of us will do our part in honoring this wonderful planet we live on, either in prayer or in our actions.

I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of our Annual Meeting, which will be held immediately following the in-person service on April 14th. It is our sacred right and responsibility to participate in the "business" of the Center, and this is the opportunity for all to do so. If you are not currently a member, and you would like to become a member in order to have future voting privileges, please see one of the Leadership Team or the CSLSG website, [www.cslsg.org](http://www.cslsg.org).

Speaking of rights and responsibilities, April 15th is Tax Day. I could say a lot about this topic, but I'll keep it short. Personally, I pledge to remove emotion from tax day activity, focusing on the good that my tax burden brings to so many, and refuse the resistance and suffering that can often accompany this day. I pledge to go with the flow and allowing the flow as the goodness that it can be!

As many of you know, for the past several weeks many of our spiritual community have been participating in a class called Prosperity Plus. This class has focused on the spiritual nature of abundance and money and it has been exciting to see the newly discovered abundance that many of the participants have experienced. As is our nature as members of CSLSG, some of that abundance is finding its way into the treasury of the Center, allowing us to do more to fulfill our new Purpose and Vision.

Happy April!  
Welcome the showers!!

Blessings,  
Bill Smith, RScP

