

THE CHURCH ON THE AVENUE



ST. JOHN
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

*Because you have done the completely unexpected deed,
because you have raised Jesus to eternal life,
because you grant us the presence
of the risen Christ among us,
because you offer eternal life to those who trust in you,
we praise and magnify your name.*

April 17, 2022

Welcome!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.

Masks are required when you enter, move about, or sing in the Church house.
Masks are optional when you are seated in a pew and physically distanced.

As a courtesy to others silence your phone.

Assistive listening devices are available in the back.

Sign Language interpretation is available in the front.

Offering plates are in the front and rear of the Church.

Remember to offer your contact data at the door to help contain virus transmission.

Gathering Music & Lighting Candles (10:20a)

Mark Behnken, organ; Steve Milloy, Theo Baldwin, Steve Phillips, piano; Bennett Draper, Acolyte

"Will Sing of My Redeemer" - James McGranahan, arr. Cindy Berry

"Thine Is the Glory" -G. F. Handel, arr. Lloyd Larson

"Spring (from The Four Seasons)" -Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Mark Behnken

Call to Worship (10:30a)

Keith M. Haithcock

One: Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

All: Praise God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

One: Praise God, who gathers up the fragments left by human destruction and creates new possibilities.

All: Christ has risen!

One: Christ has risen indeed!

(Masks are required when you sing.)

Resurrection Hymn, 233 (Rise in body or spirit.) “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Opening Our Hearts

Keith M. Haithcock

One: Easter morning takes us by surprise,
awakening us to the doubt and despair
that have been rooted in our lives.
Let us now confess to God.

Song of Forgiveness, 544 St. John Quartet and congregation w/ Craig West, guitar
“Si Fui Motivo de Dolor, Oh Dios”
(If I Have Been the Source of Pain, O God)

Assurance of Grace

Keith M. Haithcock

One: Hear the good news:

**All: In raising Jesus from the dead,
God has brought life and immortality to light.**

One: And hear the good news:

**All: By God’s great mercy,
we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

One: In the name of Jesus, we say:

**All: Our sins are forgiven.
All things are made new.
Doubt no more; Christ is with us always. Alleluia! May it be so.**

Easter Bells

“Easter Fanfare” -*Matthew Prins*

St. John Handbell Choir

Community Prayer and The Prayer Jesus Teaches

One: ... And we praise your name for ever; through Jesus the Christ who taught us to pray...

**ALL: Great Giver, in whom heaven is found, holy is your name.
May your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth.
Give us this day bread for our journey and make us hungry to see the
whole world nourished.
Forgive us and help us forgive one another.
Strengthen us for the challenges that lie ahead.
Let us hear your prophets and deliver us from our privilege.**

For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need in the world and in the world to come. Amen.

Luke 24:1-12 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Bobby Moreland

¹ On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; ³ but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus.

⁴ While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. ⁵ Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? ⁶ Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee— ⁷ that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again." ⁸ With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them.

⁹ When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. ¹⁰ The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, ¹¹ but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"JESUS THE CHRIST HAS RISEN"

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

"Jesus is Alive, Alleluia" -David Bales, arr. Larry Shackley

St. John Quartet

Ignite Moment

Ignite 2022 – Quarter 2: Engagement

Sue Jelinek

An Invitation to Share our Gifts -Matthew 5.14-16

Bobby Moreland

One: "You are the light of the world. You don't build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you?"

All: No!

One: You don't light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you?"

All: No!

One: No, you set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your God in heaven.”

All: May it be so!

One: Offering plates are available at both the front and back of the Sanctuary. You may place your offering there as you leave. May God bless you as you give your gifts generously to continue this ministry of justice, diversity, and inclusion, a beacon of hope and inspiration.

Unison Blessing of our Gifts

Bobby Moreland

God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen

Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

One: Alleluia, Christ is alive!

All: Christ is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

One: With the risen Christ we will walk the path to life.

All: But first we come to the table where there is food for the journey.

One: With hearts full of joy we come, offering our praise.

Praise

All: We are right to praise you, faithful God!

You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home.

You are mending

for the broken,

safety for the poor,

belonging for the outcast,

strength for the weak,

and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow and your mercy even in death.

All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love.

We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy, 793 (Everyone singing)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.

Remembering and Giving Thanks

One: Now, O God, we remember Jesus.

Silence is kept...

One: He fasted and prayed and was tempted and tried.

All: Relying on you for everything.

One: Jesus was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world.

All: Jesus confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.

One: Jesus, betrayed and deserted, died between thieves, and laid in a borrowed grave.

All: You gave new life through Christ who lives even now, our healer and friend.

One: Christ loves us well, loved us to the end, and loves us to new beginnings.

All: Even on the night of betrayal, Christ ate supper with friends.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

One: Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new.

Bless this bread which you have given, and human hands have made.

All: Let it become for us the bread of life.

One: Also bless this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

All: Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

One: Bless us also who eat and drink,

All: that in this meal we may know the living Christ in our lives, in each other, and in all for whom Christ came. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Let us give thanks!

**All: Thank you, merciful God,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,**

and for the mission of justice, you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion —
oneness of heart,
love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and life that never ends.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Masks are required when you sing.)

Hymn of Easter Hope (Rise in body or spirit.) "Christ Is Alive" Tune: TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Send Out (Rise in body or spirit.)

Keith M. Haithcock

Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" -John Darwall, arr. Mark Hayes

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Office hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

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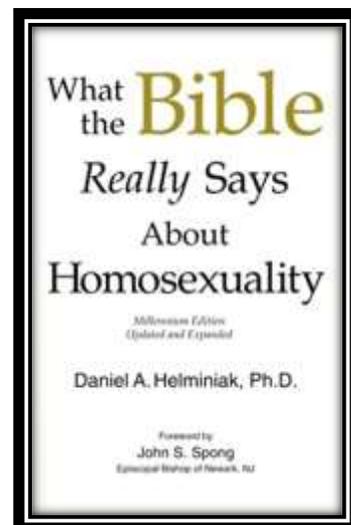
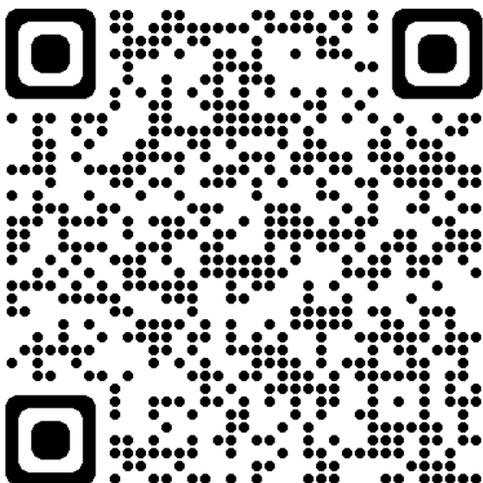


Ignite 2022

What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality

There will be four Zoom discussion sessions using the book, What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality, by Daniel Helminiak.

Zoom Discussion sessions: Thursdays April 21, 28, May 5, 12 - 6:30p to 7:30p.
Register for Zoom sessions at the ONA table in the rear of the Sanctuary OR
use the QR code below to register online.



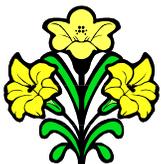
2022 Easter Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of:

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Patrick J.H. Cottingham
Our Parents
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Margaret & Elmer (Bud) Schmeer
Our Parents
My Mother, Jeannette Cox
Reba Kay Spencer
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Hazel & Clarence Schnecker
Our Parents
My sister, Carol Harris
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My parents & daughter Lori
May Lynn Taylor

In Honor of:

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