

HYMN NOTES:

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” (234)

This ancient hymn was written by John of Damascus in the 8th century. He is considered the most important of the Greek hymn writers. As with seemingly all Greek Easter hymns, this one references the Song of Moses (Exodus 15). Deliverance through the Red Sea is related to deliverance by Christ from death. In addition, the hymn uses Spring (the Queen of Seasons) as an allegory of the resurrection. After winter the days grow brighter and warmer, and Christ the Sun of Righteousness returns from the grave to bring us new life and light. For this we give “praise undying.” The tune was written in 1872 for this text by Arthur Sullivan, half of the famous operetta writing team of Gilbert and Sullivan. Stanza four is one of the few hymns that mentions Jesus’ appearance after the Resurrection.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, April 19:** Joanne Bruno, Terry Curkan, Lex Long, Blake Harris
- Monday, April 20:** Anna Hyden, Ed Puschmann, Faith Garcia
- Wednesday, April 22:** Edwin Smith, Garry Justice
- Thursday, April 23:** Shirley Gleason, Lindsay Frame
- Friday, April 24:** Keith Nadig, Kat Voss
- Saturday, April 25:** Billie Nesmith



If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



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Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

“Peace I leave with you.

My peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED

and

DO NOT BE AFRAID.”

John 14:27

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ◆ Join Miss Rosie and Youth Helpers every Tuesday from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm for a children's story time via Zoom! Follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/185925188>
- ◆ Children’s Ministry is sending out personal notes to the children of Northwood so watch for your note in the mail. If you want to receive a note for your child or grandchild contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.
- ◆ Please be sure to check out and “like” the Children’s Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children’s Bible lesson posted along with other activities.
- ◆ https://www.facebook.com/groups/633579497423839/?source_id=263480270372443

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Family Ministry Virtual Schedule

- ★ **SUNDAY**
7:00 PM - END OF THE DAY DEVOTION VIA INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK
7:30 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY** - 6:30PM CHILDREN’S STORY TIME WITH MISS ROSIE & YOUTH HELPERS
- ★ **TUESDAY & THURSDAY** - 7:00 PM
#BETTERTOGETHER BIBLE STUDIES!
- YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS
- YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY WITH ROSALIE VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY**
7:00 PM - CITYNIGHT GROUP CHAT WITH ROSALIE VIA ZOOM
- ★ **FRIDAY & SUNDAY NIGHT**
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM FIRST ROUND
9:00 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM SECOND ROUND

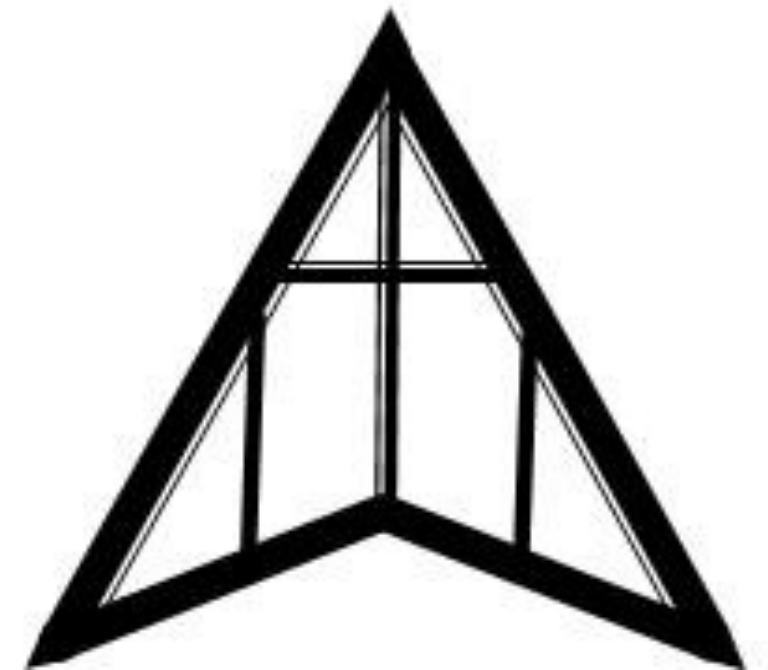
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**Welcome To
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Church**

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April 19, 2020



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Order for the Worship of God
April 19, 2020
2nd Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: We gather to worship as God's dearly beloved children.

People: By God's grace that is who we are!

Leader: Let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength,

People: and let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

All: In faith and with joy, let us praise and worship God who first loved us!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" Dale Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #246

"Christ Is Alive"

TRURO

(stanzas 1,2,4)

**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.**

**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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Loving and faithful God, you made the hearts of the discouraged disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus. We confess that like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us when we are easily discouraged, and given to despair. Forgive us that, although we claim to live by resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that death is the end. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit empower us to live obedient lives that make a difference for Jesus' sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

"Risen"

Shawna Edwards

Stephanie Carson, Soloist

*When darkness veiled the sky the day that Jesus died
in agony upon the bitter cross,
they took His body down and laid it in a tomb.
His friends believed that ev'rything was lost.
But when the third day came the darkness turned to light,
for Mary heard her name and saw the living Christ.*

*Risen to set the captives free, risen to ransom you and me.
To bind up ev'ry broken heart, to conquer death and sin.
Risen to bring us home again.*

*And in that barren place the world forever changed
for hope was born when Jesus rose that day.*

*And still His wounded hands reveal the love
He has for ev'ry fallen soul He came to save.
And He will come again and one by one we'll rise to praise
His holy name and see the living Christ.*

*Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He is risen to set the captives free!
Oh, He is risen to ransom you and me,
to bind up ev'ry broken heart, to conquer death and sin.
Risen to bring us home again. Risen.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

(stanzas 1,2)

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.**

**We are yours: in love befriend us: be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:15-19 (NIV)

SERMON

"A Grace-Filled Question and Our Response"

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #234

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST. KEVIN

(stanzas 1,3,4)

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with un-moistened foot through the Red Sea waters.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!**

**Neither could the gates of death, nor the tombs dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, with ever more passes human knowing.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Intrada Festiva"

Dale Wood

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

"The Only Name" (Yours Will Be)

"Way Maker"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

"Risen"

by Shawna Edwards

Solo, Stephanie Carson; Piano, Tom Huffman

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed"

by Keith & Kristyn Getty

Larry & Jeanne Stephen

SCRIPTURE

John 21:15-19 NIV

VIDEO

"Grace"

MESSAGE

"A Grace-Filled Question and Our Response"

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Holy Water"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU