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Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024

THE GATHERING

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Entrance of the Christ Candle

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

No. 216

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation, join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Claire Baer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Welcome

Claire Baer

Service of Christian Baptism

Introduction

Claire Baer

Baptism Candidates & Mentors:

Robert Cole "Leif" Anderson and Debbie Watson

Maris Cate Moran and Emily Wilson

Presley Jane Parker and Kathleen Lauck

Welcome After Baptism

No. 369

Minister: Leif, Maris & Presley have risen from the waters of baptism to newness of life.

They have become one with the witnesses of God from all times and places.

Through baptism, God promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit to nurture them all the days of their lives. Let us add our blessing and pledge our love as we welcome them into this living community of faith.

People: We rejoice in God's empowering love, freely given to each and all. We welcome you, newly baptized, into the circle of love in Christ's church. We praise God for the gifts for ministry that you bring to this community. We promise to pray for you, to seek the depths of faith with you, to support you, and to love you. We covenant with you to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-8

Jeanette Showalter

Children's Message

Claire Baer

Anthem

On the Third Day - Pote

Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble

Sermon

Lives Again

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Alleluia! Hear God's Story – vs. 1 & 2

No. 330

Alleluia! Hear God's story, still unfolding with each dawn.

Taste the wine and body broken: God's creative love lives on.

Who the neighbor? Who the hungry? Who is thirsty for shalom?

God of journey, in your story; lead us, with the neighbor, home.

Alleluia! Sing the story; God's great faithfulness proclaim.

Tell of prophets and apostles; sing the pow'r of Jesus' name.

Who the neighbor? Who the list'ner? Who has ears to hear our song?

God of hist'ry, tune our voices, make our hopeful witness strong.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Kerry Roach

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Linda C. Carr & Emily Wilson

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory

Fanfare for Easter – Marshall

Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble

Doxology

No. 46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Christ Arose!

No. 224

***Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!***

***Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!***

***Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Choral Response

Hallelujah - Handel

Chancel Choir

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Brass Ensemble:

Hoss Barnes and Anthony Ramirez, trumpets;
Dr. Matthew Luttrell and Dr. Larry Archambo, trombones;
Rodney Bennett, bass trombone and tuba

Memorials and Honors:

In memory of Curtis Dolberry given by Glenn & Linda Tole, Diana Costello, Nick & Linda Gipson.

In memory of Susie Gentry given by Liz Vernon, Glenn & Linda Tole, Dan & Carole Davis, Jim & Cathy Biggs, Mike & Diane Spiller, Lynette Gill, Michael Elyea, Nick & Linda Gipson.

Sermon Notes

1. A visit to the Holy Land

2. What happened?

3. Trying to understand "how"

4. It requires more

5. If that's all there is...

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31 EASTER SUNDAY / EASTER OFFERING		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Pastor's Class	Room 402
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
9:30 am	Choir Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
	NO Sunday Evening Activities	
Monday, April 1		
	Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed	
8:00 am	Vacation Bible School Registration Opens	
Tuesday, April 2		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (Tu-F)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (Tu-F)	
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 304, 306, 308
Wednesday, April 3		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	The Neighborhood Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	The Neighborhood Worship Service	
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, April 4		
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
5:30 pm	Mother/Son Olympics Planning Meeting	Parlor
Friday, April 5		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Saturday, April 6		



Easter Holiday!

The Church Building, Offices & All Programs will be closed on Monday, April 1st for Easter.

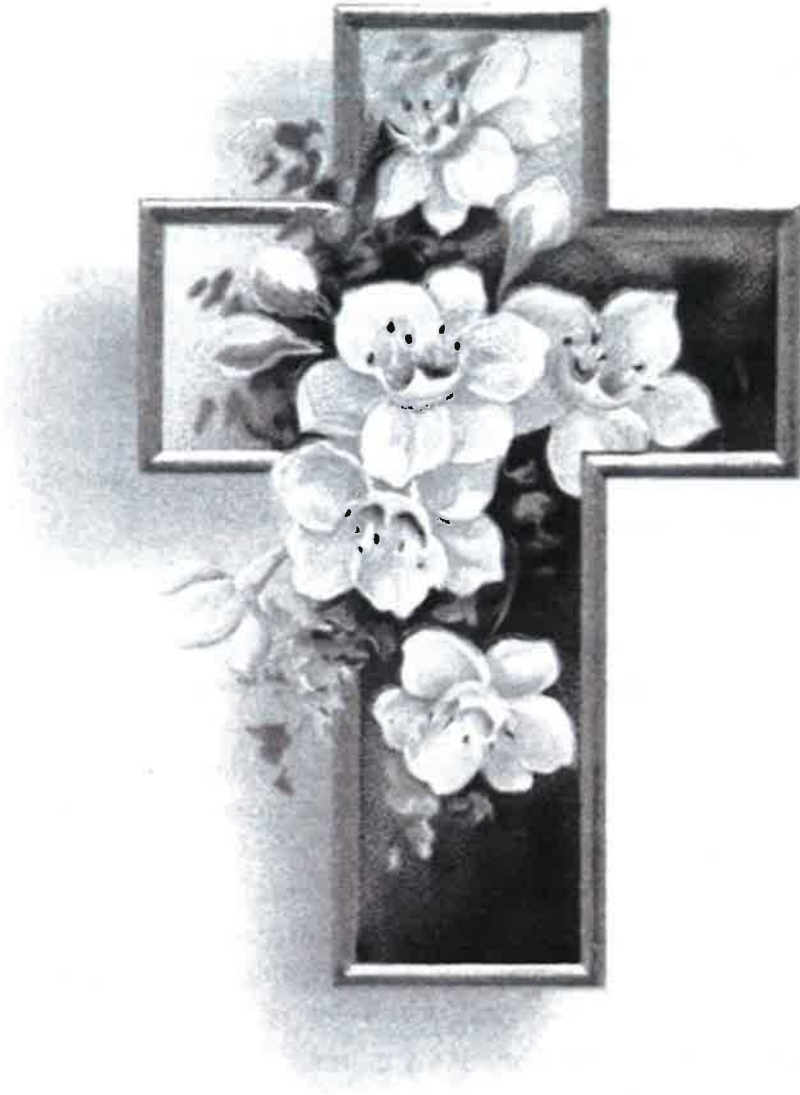
Interfaith Outreach Services Pantry Sunday



The **April** items will be instant mashed potatoes, canned potatoes, and mac & cheese. **Interfaith is**

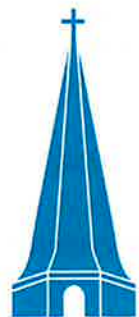
always in need of regular size paper grocery sacks. You may drop off any of the monthly requested items or paper sacks at any time in the large box on the porch by the Chapel entrance.

If you would like to support Interfaith with a financial gift, you may mail your donation to Interfaith (1101 11th St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301), or donate on their website.



Easter Flowers

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EASTER FLOWERS 2024

Karen J. Watson in memory of Lita Huggins Watson.

Karen J. Watson in memory of Earl F. Watson.

Karen J. Watson in memory of Sarah Lisa.

Karen J. Watson in memory of Neida & Joyce Huggins.

Susan Marrs in memory of my parents, Furman & Madra Marrs.

Sally Perkins in memory of Susan Wadsack Spiller, Diaconate
Emeritus.

Sally Perkins in memory of Clarada Renfro, Diaconate Emeritus.

Chris & Jeanette Showalter in memory of Phillip & Mary Bail
and Anita Bail.

Chris & Jeanette Showalter in memory of Al Showalter and in
honor of Rosa Showalter.

Jim & Karen LaValley in honor of Meredith LaValley.

Jim & Karen LaValley in memory of Bill & Sally Watkins.

Jim & Karen LaValley in memory of Don & Audrey LaValley.

Sandra Ketchum in memory of my son, Lanny Ketchum.

Sandra Ketchum in honor of my daughters, grandchildren, and
great-grandchildren.

Doug & Vicki Kunkle in memory of William Jansen.

Doug & Vicki Kunkle in memory of Forest & Beverly Kunkle.

Genevieve Ratliff in memory of my parents, Sophy & George
Winterbotham.

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Robert & Cindy Hernandez in honor of our children, Allison,
Drew & Melanie.

Robert & Cindy Hernandez in honor of our first grandchild, Jane
Elizabeth.

Pam & Jerry Johnson in honor of our grandchildren: Jack,
Caroline, Paige & Lilly.

Dave & Eva Whiting in memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.V. Whiting.
Dave & Eva Whiting in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Overman.
Dave & Eva Whiting in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Mark Bender &
Family.

Jane Long in honor of Jack Overton Harland, my grandson.
Jane Long in honor of Sara Anderson and Donna Long.
Jane Long in honor of my children: Sara & Lance Harland and
Kiley & Andrew Long.

Kathleen Lauck in memory of Pat & Ted Lauck.
Kathleen Lauck in memory of Curtis & Geraldine Pettit.
Kathleen Lauck in memory of Joe & Joyce Lauck.

Debbie & Mark Turnbow in honor of Peyton Rose McNeel.
Debbie & Mark Turnbow in memory of Troy & Earlene Andrus.
Debbie & Mark Turnbow in memory of Joe & Geneva Turnbow.

Kyle & Ashley Burross in memory of Bobby & Mary Lee Todd.
Kyle & Ashley Burross in honor of Konner & Kinsley Burross.

Lynette Gill in memory of my daughter, Amy Renae Poirot.
Lynette & Paul Gill in honor of our daughters: Andrea, Angela,
Francy and their families.
Lynette & Paul Gill in memory of our Loved Ones.

Nathan & Carla Moran in honor of the baptism of Maris Moran.
Nathan & Carla Moran in honor of Hal & Leigh Ray.

Judy Muir in memory of John.
Judy Muir in honor of my children, grandchildren, and great-
grandchildren.

Elizabeth Henry, Emily Gipson, Trey & James Spiller in memory
of their grandmother, Dorothy Montgomery (Dede) on her
97th birthday.

Elizabeth Henry, Emily Gipson, Trey & James Spiller in memory
of their grandfather, James Irl Montgomery (Granddaddy).

Elizabeth Henry & Clayton Tompkins in memory of Brent
Stratten.

Clayton, Elizabeth, Neely & Ann Henry in honor of Nick, Linda &
Emily Gipson (Grandad, Lulu, and Emmy).

Emily Wilson in honor of Maris Moran.

Andy Wilson in honor of Emily Wilson.

Sara Anderson in loving memory of Doc Anderson.

Sara Anderson in loving memory of my parents: Sara Lee & A.B. Pullen.

Sara Anderson in loving honor of my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Sara Anderson in loving honor of the Bender Family.

Susan & John Buckley in honor of Kay & Richard McQuiston.

Susan & John Buckley in honor of Mary Buckley.

Susan & John Buckley in honor of Meredith & Matthew West and Calvin.

Susan & John Buckley in honor of Ainslee Buckley.

Duane & Dixie Williams in honor of our family: Nicholas, Charlene, David & Benjamin.

Duane & Dixie Williams in memory of our parents: Charles & Wanda Walker and Clayton & Josephine Williams.

Diana Costello in memory of John Costello Jr..

Diana Costello in memory of my parents: Marguerite & Albert Croix.

John & Sarah Cook in honor of our children: Davidson & Adam.

John & Sarah Cook in honor of our parents.

Kerry & Sharon Roach in memory of Mike & Faye Telling and Jack & Betty Roach.

Curtis Sullivan in memory of Sherry Sullivan.

Curtis Sullivan in honor of Cristian Carew & Carter Carew.

Sandy Hay in memory of Jim Hay.

Debi & Larry Ballard in honor of our risen Lord.

Debi & Larry Ballard in honor of our grandchildren: Alice, Sadie, Bryson & Abigail.

Debi & Larry Ballard in honor of Brandi, Jody, Cary & Doug.

Debi & Larry Ballard in memory of our parents.

Terry & Robbie Walker in memory of Robert & Margaret Hayes and Troy & Juanita Walker.

Terry & Robbie Walker in honor of Ty, Kirsten, Taylor and Logan Walker.

Terry & Robbie Walker in honor of Rod, Elisha and Renata Walker.

Alan Freeman in honor of Ofelia Freeman.
Alan Freeman in memory of John Freeman.
Alan Freeman in memory of Jean Freeman.
Alan Freeman in memory of Richard Freeman.
Alan Freeman in memory of Bruce Freeman.

Kathy Gholston in memory of my husband, Gib Gholston.

Russ & Janet Hallum in memory of Don & Chris Owen.

John Bridgman in memory of Gretchen Bridgman.
John Bridgman in memory of Chuck & Neva Bridgman.
John Bridgman in memory of Tom & Marie Green.

Paul & Maggie Goodrich in honor of Sheri Sutton.
Paul & Maggie Goodrich in honor of Jennifer & Nicholas Bomer.

Christopher Staley in honor of Cheryl Appling & Dr. Mark
Bender.
Christopher Staley in honor of 1st Christian Church Elders.
Christopher Staley in memory and honor of my Dad & Mom,
Conrad & Janis Staley.

Dave Clark in memory of Rosemary Clark.

Harry & Polly Tonemah in honor of our grandchildren: Charlee
& Theo.
Harry & Polly Tonemah in honor of our children: Katie, Sarah &
Jason.

Neil, Jennifer, Luke & Paige in memory of David Gately.
Neil, Jennifer, Luke & Paige in honor of Cathy Gately.

Cathy Gately in memory of my husband, David Gately.
Cathy Gately in honor of my children: Amy Inabinette & Neil
Gately.
Cathy Gately in honor of my grandchildren: David & Jackson
Beare and Luke & Paige Gately.
Cathy Gately in honor of the staff of First Christian Church.

Leigh & Hal Ray in honor of Carla, Nathan & Maris Moran.
Leigh & Hal Ray in honor of Tori Ray & Matt Hawk.
Leigh & Hal Ray in memory of Hal R. (Tres) Ray III.

Mike & Diane Spiller in honor of our children and grandchildren
and in memory of our parents.

Bart & Lee Bybee in memory of our parents.
Bart & Lee Bybee in honor of our children.
Bart & Lee Bybee in honor of our grandson, Bennett DeVilbiss.
Bart & Lee Bybee in honor of Sara Anderson.

Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Mike Drye.
Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Sean James.
Ronnie & Colleen James in memory of Chris James.
Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Cindy James.
Ronnie & Colleen James in honor of Amy James.

Mark & Jodi Bender in honor of our granddaughter, Clara
McKee.
Mark & Jodi Bender in memory of our grandparents.
Mark & Jodi Bender in honor of our parents and kids.

Joanne Williford, Rick Williford, Leeann Williford Stride & Eric
Stride and grandchildren, Keith Williford, Carter & Luke
Stride, and Josie & Delany, in memory of Clyde Williford.

Verdaderamente, Cristo ha resucitado. ¡Aleluya!

예수님은 진실로 부활하셨습니다. 할렐루야!

Le Christ est vraiment ressuscité ! Alléluia !

Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Five words. Our united and active response to Easter.

“Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia!” is an affirmation of faith. It is our faithful response to the power of resurrection at work in our congregations, communities, and ministries across the world. Because Jesus is risen, we are set free, indeed, to share the limitless love of God, set free from the grip of sin and death, set free to rise together in shared ministry, language, and service.



CHRIST IS
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INDEED,
ALLELUIA!
MARK 16:1-8

Please give generously to the Easter Offering on March 24 and 31 in your congregation or make a gift at disciplesmissionfund.org/give.

The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Otra Hispania), Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, and Treasury Services.

- Health and social service ministries that meet basic needs for neighbors.
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- Stewardship education for congregations to grow in their practice of generosity.
- Relationships with global mission partners serving in communities impacted by conflict and climate change.
- Opportunities like the General Assembly, where the church can gather for worshipful work.
- And so much more...



On Easter, we celebrate the power of the resurrection together with the whole body of Christ as one united church in multiple places with many gifts and languages. Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples share the limitless love of God that overcomes death. General Ministries of the Christian Church share the good news from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth through:

Supporting general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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