

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

April 16, 2017

8:00 AM Worship



*Please silence your cell phones and conversations
and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.*

Bolded text is read or sung by all.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you.
If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and
leave it on the seat for the ushers to pick up after the service.*

*If you would like to contribute to this morning's offering,
a basket is available for you near the doors to Wright-Herberich Hall.*

COME

*Prayer of Adoration

Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty; you gave birth to all that we know. Hallowed be your name.

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Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a manger announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: You shouldered and suffered the cross. Hallowed be your name.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and executed you. Hallowed be your name.

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This morning, in the multi-colored company of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us, and your redemption of all creation!

Hallowed be God's name, now and forever. Amen.

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People", people of the resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be

impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. We ask this now and always in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Forgiveness

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” – John 3:16-17

*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Time for Church Life

Time with Young Disciples

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The First Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 695

The Second Lesson John 20:1-18

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 114

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon A Peaceful Demonstration

The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

Together let us say: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ.

Christ is the bread of life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your life, ministry, death, and resurrection, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

In one voice, let us offer the words of 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.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front row. Return to your seat by the side aisles. If you choose to receive the bread and cup in your seat, please raise your hand.

Words of Institution

“The bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

Prayer following Communion

You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now we give ourselves for others. You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people. As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy. Your glory has filled our hearts. Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*Charge and Benediction

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God’s will, working among us that which is pleasing in God’s sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever!

*Join us for coffee, fellowship and some Easter treats
in Wright-Herberich Hall after worship today.*

Welcome to our worship this morning!

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available.

CHILDREN’S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available in the Narthex.

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

ADULT EDUCATION A new adult series starts on Sunday, April 23. The list of class topics is in the March/April Script, pick one up on the church literature racks at the doors. The first week’s topic will be *Fear and the Bible* lead by Pastor Hauerwas. Join us Sunday, May 28 when our new General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, The Reverend Cathy Ulrich, will lead us in a discussion of *Race, Racism, and the Church*. (The date for Reverend Ulrich’s class has been revised and is correct as listed here.)

EDUCATION What was it like for the Disciples after the Resurrection? How did they know and follow Jesus after the first Easter? Our Godly Play classroom has a new story for the Sundays from Easter to Pentecost. Knowing Jesus in a New Way explores the sightings of Jesus and the new life the followers of Jesus had after the Resurrection. Ages K-3rd grade join us Sundays at 9:30 in room 212. If you have not experienced our Sunday School, this is a great time to start. We have age appropriate curriculum for children three years of age through high school!

LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS We meet to discuss parenting issues. Join us at 9:30 am on Sunday's in the Library.

TWEEN EVENT "Let's Grow Akron" Earth Day Event is our next service event for Tweens. Join us on Saturday, April 22 from 10 am -12:00 (noon). We will be working with Let's Grow Akron at Summit Lake.

THIRD SUNDAY DINNER WPC members will be hosting our friends and neighbors from the community for dinner on Sunday, April 23 in Wright-Herberich Hall. (Date revised due to Easter.) Dinner is served at 5:00 pm.

BOOK DISCUSSION will meet on Monday, May 8 to discuss *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. Join us in the church library at 7:00 pm.

ANNUAL PERENNIAL SALE Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm on the Johnstone Patio. Join the Kiwanis for their pancake breakfast and support the Celtic Garden by purchasing your perennials for your garden. Also, please consider dividing and sharing perennials from your own gardens to donate to the sale. Labeled donations can be left in the Celtic Garden.

YOUTH EVENT/HUNGER WALK A 1.5 or 2.5 mile Regional Food Bank Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, May 7 starting and ending at Unitarian Universalist, 3090 W. Market. Meet there at 2:00 pm for registration. See Kimberly Cheng for a donation collection envelope and to let her know you will be attending. See you there!

FIVE AT FIVE Join us for the Mother's Day Opera Broadway Gala on Sunday, May 14 at 5:00 pm. Prepare to be thrilled!

SAVE THE DATE Our theme for Vacation Bible School is *The Beatitudes*. Children 4-years-old to 5th grade can join us July 10-13 from 9:15 am -12:00 pm (noon). Contact Sheila, wpcchildren1250@gmail.com.

WPC Calendar for April 16–April 23, 2017

Sunday, 4/16: Easter Sunday

- 8:00 am Early Easter Service (Johnstone Patio)
- 9:00 am Coffee and fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
- 9:00 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (Front church lawn)
- 10:30 am Worship/Easter (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)

Monday, 4/17: No activities planned

Tuesday, 4/18:

- 9:30 am Prayer Quilt Ministry (Wright-Herberich Hall)
- 1:00 pm Ohio Living Meeting set-up (Wright-Herberich Hall)

Wednesday, 4/19:

- 7:30 am Ohio Living Meeting (Wright-Herberich Hall)
- 1:00 pm Sewing Circle (Room 106)
- 4:00 pm Bridges Out of Poverty (WHH/Kitchen/Library)
- 4:15 pm Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Room 106)

Thursday, 4/20:

- 8:00 am Eye Opener Bible Study (Room 106)
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)

Friday, 4/21:

- 12:00 pm Church office closed today at noon

Saturday, 4/22:

- 10:00 am Tween Earth Day Service Project (off-site)

Sunday, 4/23:

- 9:00 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:30 am Education for all ages (Christian Education classrooms)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (Wright-Herberich Hall)
- 5:00 pm Third Sunday Dinner/revised date (WHH/Kitchen)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am–2:00 pm

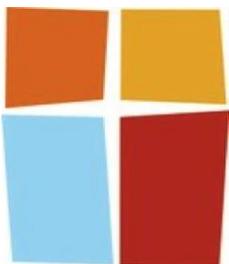
- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 pm.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

SCRIPT ARTICLES for the June/July Script will be due by Wednesday, May 17. Please send to gwilson1250@gmail.com by noon.

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