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PROGRAM

	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



April 16, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter



Thoughts of Preparation

The message of Easter is not primarily a message about Jesus' body, although we've been trained to limit it to this one-time "miracle." ... Let me share what I think the real message is: Every message about Jesus is a message about all of us, about humanity...Easter is an announcement of a common hope. When we sing in the Easter hymn that Christ destroyed death, that means the death of all of us. It's not just about Jesus; it's to humanity that God promises, "Life is not ended, it merely changes," ... That's what happened in Jesus, and that's what will happen in us. In the end, everything will be all right. History is set on an inherently positive and hopeful tangent. – Richard Rohr, *A Feast of Hope*, 4-17-22

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"O Sons And Daughters, Let Us Sing"* (Flor Peeters)

Tower Bell

Introit

Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise:
 Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled-
 Jesus Christ the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

***Responsive Call to Worship**

We thank You, O God, for Your life, pulsing in creation, revealed in Jesus, renewed in resurrection and available to us now.

Thank You for touching us again with Your life in this Easter season, and for joining our lives with Yours through the Living Christ;
 and for renewing resurrection in our hearts through Your Holy Spirit. Filled with life, we now offer ourselves in worship to be life-bringers in the world.

Touched by resurrection we pledge to resist death wherever we find it. Filled with hope we embrace the promise of eternity, and the call to make it known at every opportunity.

Through us may graves continue to be opened, and may the dead continue to be awakened to new life.

In Jesus Name. Amen.

***Hymn #295**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

(Llanfair)

***Unison Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

God, resurrection is not what we expect in our world.

On the face of things, life seems to be under threat...

our earth is grieving, our families are fracturing, our nations are at war, and the light of our hope is growing dim. We need the stone to be rolled away again. Forgive us and all who have failed to honor and preserve life in all its diversity and glory. Forgive us and all who have allowed relationships to become less important than riches or recognition. Forgive us and all who continue to exalt our needs and desires over those of others, and who are prepared to kill to prove it. Forgive us and all who have grown blind to all the signs of resurrection that beckon us still. We need the stone to be rolled away again. We need life to break out within us again. We need love to consume us again. Resurrect us today, O Lord, and make us agents of Your life wherever dying and grief hold sway.

For Jesus sake. Amen. [Silence is kept]

***Assurance of Pardon**

“May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of His vast mercy, He has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” [1 Peter 1.3]

**Thanks be to our Great Creator God, who is Love and Light and Peace!
Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Tom Williams

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, April 16:	10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Monday, April 17:	7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
Tuesday, April 18:	6:30 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Wednesday, April 19:	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. NKSNA
Thursday, April 20:	7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, April 22:	9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
Sunday, April 23:	10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Children’s Chat

*Choral Response

Postlude

“Christ lag in Todesbanden” (JohannPachelbel)

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

Welcome!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ. May you know

His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers by the pulpit are in honor and celebration of Jan Kneppshield’s birthday today. Happy birthday Jan!



Love,
Darlene, Kelli, Scott, Shelby, Kelsey, Kyle, Tanner, Leah, Camryn & Elise

The Chosen

Join us as we watch and discuss **season 3 of The Chosen**. Sessions are Saturday 10–11:30am in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome; join us as you are able.

Episode 2: GO as Jesus sends you– “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority on heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.’ ” (Matthew 28: 18-20) - **Saturday April 22**

Greeters Wanted

If you are willing and able to serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings, we could use your help in this role! One Sunday a month is all that it takes. You could also be a substitute greeter if you wanted to help when needed. Please contact the church office by phone (859-431-1818) or by email stjohnsucc@stjohnsuccnewport.org

Scripture Lesson – Psalm 16 [Common English Bible]

Protect me, God, because I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord.
Apart from you, I have nothing good.”
Now as for the “holy ones” in the land,
the “magnificent ones” that I was so happy about;
let their suffering increase because they hurried after a different god.
I won’t participate in their blood offerings; I won’t let their names cross my lips.
You, Lord, are my portion, my cup; you control my destiny.
The property lines have fallen beautifully for me; yes, I have a lovely home.
I will bless the Lord who advises me; even at night I am instructed
in the depths of my mind. I always put the Lord in front of me;
I will not stumble because he is on my right side.
That’s why my heart celebrates and my mood is joyous;
yes, my whole body will rest in safety
because you won’t abandon my life to the grave;
you won’t let your faithful follower see the pit.
You teach me the way of life. In your presence is total celebration.
Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

Anthem

“An Easter Celebration” (Craig Courtney)

O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

The strife is o’er, the battle is done; Now is the victor’s triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where Thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won!

Gathering Together in Prayer Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

Response

Sing Twice

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!
Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, Al-le-lu-ia!

Scripture Lesson – John 20:19-31

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

Thomas said to them, “Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!”

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said to him, “Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!”

In his disciples’ presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

Today’s Message

“STILL Locked...???”

Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

*Hymn #294

“Christ Arose!”

Offertory Invitation

Let us open our hearts to God’s power moving around us and between us and within us; and through our giving may divine glory be revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken.

Offertory

“You Raise Me Up”

(Tom Fettke)

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain, Leave to your
God to order and provide; In ev-’ry change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still
know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary; When troubles
come and my heart burdened be; Then I am
still and wait here in the silence Until You
come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me
up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me
up to walk on stormy seas. I am
strong when I am on Your shoulders. You raise me
up to more than I can be.

There is no life, no life without its
hunger. Each restless heart beats so imperfectly
But when You come, and I am filled with
wonder, Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

*Doxology

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Creator of the universe, You made the world in beauty. As we bring this offering we pray that, wherever Your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*Hymn #302

“He Lives”

(Ackley)

*Benediction