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**PROGRAM**

	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
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.

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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 23, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



**Thoughts of Preparation**

Jesus acted his life out of love, he forgave adultery without punishment. What would a church look like that taught how to love with equal fervor as we currently teach the rituals of the church?  
 -- The Marcus J. Borg Foundation (1/19/07)

\*All who are able are welcome to stand

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *“Meditation” (A. Schreiner)*

**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 stand before the Lord this day; the Lord of the burning bush and the cloud upon the mountain.

**To God be praise and glory! This is the Lord of our lives.**

We acknowledge the risen Christ—our Savior and Redeemer—the Master recognized in the break of bread and amid the dust of the Emmaus road.

**To Christ be praise and glory! This is the Savior who makes all things new.**

We acknowledge the holy Spirit who enables us...seen in the descending dove, heard in the rushing wind and tongues of fire.

**To the Holy Spirit all praise and glory! This is the one who empowers us.**

Even now in this time ...in this place,

**We have seen signs of God's greatness. Come, let us sing our praise!**

**\*Hymn #312** *“Christ Is Alive!” (Truro)*

**\*Unison Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

**Living Jesus, whose presence on our daily road we often fail to see: warm our hearts with fresh confidence in your Word. Your life and resurrected spirit are our daily bread. Open us, so that, in making room for the stranger beside us, we find your hospitality awaiting us, and the reassurance of your presence to inspire us; then we may be moved to tread the road again and to share the good news of your resurrection life. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance (1 Peter 1.22-23)**

As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly. Do this because you have been given new birth—not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word.

**\*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.**

**Children's Chat**

**Scripture Lesson: Genesis 22.1-19** [Common English Bible]

***The Akedah* ,אֶקֶדָה**

After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I'm here."  
God said, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you." Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him.  
On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you."  
Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?"  
Abraham said, "I'm here, my son."  
Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?"  
Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it, my son." The two of them walked on together.

**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 23:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday, April 24:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, April 25:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, April 27:** 7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, April 29:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting  
10:00a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Chosen Series
- Sunday, April 30:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### **Hearing Assistance**

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

### **Pastoral Care Notice**

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Barry or John Robson to contact you. You can also call, text or email Barry at:  
Revbarryb@stjohnsuccnewport.org  
Cell Phone: (513) 317-8146

### **In Our Prayers**

Norma Biery, Judy Eads, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Donna & Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Bette Kendrick, Pam Maloney, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Shirley Rice, Barbara Runge, Char Scholl, Bill Seibert, Bruce Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Wendy Watts, John & Peggy Westlund

### **Continued Prayerful Support**

Homebound members.  
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.  
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher  
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

### **Homebound Member of the Week**

Our homebound member of the week is Judy Adams. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Judy as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Judy Adams  
3034 Riggs Avenue  
Munro House Apt. 109  
Erlanger, KY 41018

### **Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings**

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

### **Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services**

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. But the Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?"

Abraham said, "I'm here."

The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place "the Lord sees." That is the reason people today say, "On this mountain the Lord is seen."

The Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I give my word as the Lord that because you did this and didn't hold back your son, your only son, I will bless you richly and I will give you countless descendants, as many as the stars in the sky and as the grains of sand on the seashore. They will conquer their enemies' cities. All the nations of the earth will be blessed because of your descendants, because you obeyed me." After Abraham returned to the young men, they got up and went to Beer-sheba where Abraham lived.

### **Anthem**

*"Toccata of Praise"*

*(Joseph Martin)*

Jubilate!

Sing to the Lord a new song.

I will sing to the Lord most glorious.

Fill the world with a joyful sound.

I will sing to the Lord most glorious,

Power and glory and blessing be unto the Lord.

With every glad hosanna I praise the Lord of life.

With every alleluia give praise to God on high.

Alleluia Praise the Lord.

I pledge my voice to you, O God.

I lift it up to you, God.

You are the everlasting song.

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord of hosts a new

Jubilate! Make a joyful noise.

Nations now join as one, unified by peace and love.

Proclaim the glory of the Lord.

## Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:13-35 [Common English Bible]

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

He said to them, "What things?"

They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight.

They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

### Today's Message

*"Bread, Not Blood"*

Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

### \*Hymn #443

*"Trust and Obey"*  
(vs. 1&4)

### 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.**

## 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 in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund. If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are April 30th, May 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

## The Chosen

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

**Episode 3: GRIEVE as Jesus grieves** – "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (*Luke 4: 18-19*) - **Saturday April 29**

## 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](mailto:stjohnsucc@stjohnsuccnewport.org)

## De-Cluttering Our Church Day

Remember on Saturday, April 29th from noon –3:00 p.m. we will be doing some spring cleaning and de-cluttering our church. Be sure to mark your calendars.



“Kitchen Maid With Supper at Emmaus”  
Diego Velazquez, c. 1618

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**WORSHIP NOTES**

The OFFERTORY is from Carol Penner, on *Leading in Worship* ([carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship](http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship)).

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**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!

**Offertory Invitation**

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread.

**Offertory**

“More Love to Thee”

(Lanny Lanford)

More Love To Thee, O Christ, More Love To Thee!  
Hear Thou The Prayer I Make On Bended Knee.  
This Is My Earnest Plea: More Love, O Christ, To Thee;  
More Love To Thee, More Love To Thee!

Once Earthly Joy I Craved, Sought Peace And Rest;  
Now Thee Alone I Seek, Give What Is Best.  
This All My Prayer Shall Be: More Love, O Christ To Thee;  
More Love To Thee, More Love To Thee!

Give me a faithful heart, likeness to Thee,  
that each departing day henceforth may see  
Some work of love begun, some deed of kindness done,  
Some wanderer sought and won, more love to Thee.

Then Shall My Latest Breath Whisper Thy Praise;  
This Be The Parting Cry My Heart Shall Raise;  
This Still Its Prayer Shall Be: More Love, O Christ To Thee;  
More Love To Thee, More Love To Thee!

**\*Doxology**

*(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*

*“Remember Me”*

*(O Waly Waly)*

**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**

**Living Christ, we invite you to be with us as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us, now and always. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*“Remember Me”  
(see next page)*

**\*Benediction (Responsive)**

May God, who comes to us in the things of this world,  
bless your eyes and be in your seeing.

**May Christ, who looks upon us with deepest love,  
bless our eyes and widen our gaze.**

May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be, bless your eyes and sharpen your vision.

**May the Sacred Three bless our eyes and cause us to see, to love, to bless!  
Amen.**

**\*Choral Response**

**Postlude**

*“Thine Is The Glory”*

*(Albin Whitworth)*

1) Remember me — the God who saves —  
For back in Egypt you were slaves;  
Then by my hand I set you free.  
Now keep my law. Remember me.

2) Remember me in bread and wine  
Whene'er you share this meal of mine.  
I gave my life to set you free.  
With thanks and praise, remember me.

3) Remember me in all you do,  
For I'm alive! I walk with you.  
I was, I am, and I shall be.  
O church I love, remember me.

4) Our God, we hear! We're called and freed!  
Your Spirit gives us memory.  
Now send us out that we may share  
Your love's great story everywhere

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**GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD**

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**