



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2026**



Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty, gath-ered in the name of



Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty: Let us—bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in—



splen-did, var-ied ways, sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Risen Christ, you come to us in the most harrowing of situations and whisper your call to courage: "Do not be afraid." Though we may tremble, though we may hesitate, we hope, O God, to trust in you. Make us witnesses to love's great power and loyal to all that heals, all that nourishes justice, and all that sustains with beauty and joy. Teach us again to pray

...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.

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Child of bless-ing, child of prom - ise, love's cre - a-tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from
 God, re - fresh our spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

A Moment With Our Children

Lindsay Miller

*O God, my heart adores You; I will sing and make music!
I will sing and make music with all my soul.
For great is Your love, higher than the heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Be exalted, O God, high above the heavens;
Let your glory over all the earth arise!*

*O God, my heart adores You; I will sing and make music!
I will sing and make music with all my soul.
Sing to the Lord! Declare God's glory among the nations.
Sing to the Lord! Declare God's marvelous deeds among all people.
For great is the Lord and most worth of praise.
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
Let the sea resound; let the trees clap their hands!*

*O God, my heart adores You; I will sing and make music!
I will sing and make music with all my soul.*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

David Cherwien

*Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;
May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.*

*Rise, transformed, and chose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;
Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.*

*Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;
Present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.*

*Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;
Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith*

Sermon

"It is Beginning"

Dr. Robu

Closing Hymn*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

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Benediction*Closing Voluntary***Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

* Let all who are able please stand.

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

Easter Lily Sponsors

Cindy Couch

In memory of my parents Walter and Lucile Couch and my sister Nancy Elgar

Rich Euson

In memory of Colleen Euson

Sharon and Alan Fearey

In honor of innocent lives lost in senseless wars

Joe Henderson

In memory of family and friends

Dwight and Pat Oxley

In memory of Ruth and Dwight Oxley, and Jane and Lloyd Warren

Rich Smola

In memory of Tom and Eleanor Kinkaid

Jeanne Thompson

In memory of family

Anna and Paul Uhlig

In memory of Uhlig, Nelson, and Hays loved ones

Brett and Claire Watson

Four blooms in memory of our grandparents, and Edith and Chris Howson

Steve and Kitchel Woods

In memory of Kitchel's brother, Dr. Herbert (Bart) Lindsley

Steve and Cathie Yager

In memory of family

Arthur and Safley Families

In memory of Bob Arthur and Sharon Safley



WED DINNERS @ 5:30 IN APRIL



APR 8 - YOUTH PROGRAM

PIZZA ON FOCACCIA + CAESAR SALAD +
BREADSTICKS W/MARINARA



APR 15 - DULL CREATIVES - RENATA'S GARDEN BUS

PULLED PORK & CHICKEN + TATER TOTS +
BROCCOLI SALAD + BAKED BEANS



APR 22 - BOOK CLUB

GREEN CHILI CHICKEN ENCHILADAS +
RICE + BEANS + CHIPS



APR 29 - PANDO INITIATIVE SPEAKER

MARRY ME CHICKEN + PENN PASTA +
ROASTED VEGS + ROLLS

**\$10 Adults \$5 Kids- Kids under FREE. No family pays more than \$30
RSVP by Tuesday Noon. Thank you!**

All are welcome!

ADULT STUDY GROUP

Sundays @ 9 AM in the CHAPEL

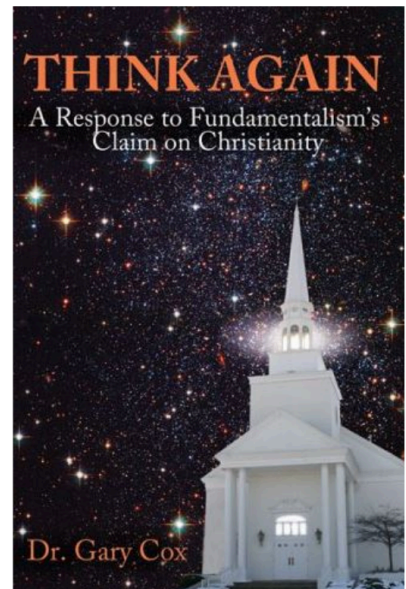
APR 12, 19, 26 and MAY 3

Led by Phil Rhea

Think Again.

A Response to Fundamentalism's
Claim on Christianity by Dr. Gary Cox

Books available for loan in
the church office



April Birthdays

Apr 1 Dawes Watson
 Apr 3 Joe Yager
 Apr 3 Steve Thomas
 Apr 9 Laura Hadley
 Apr 11 Dawes Watson
 Apr 14 Joe Yager
 Apr 18 Steve Thomas
 Apr 19 Laura Hadley

Apr 1 Bev Douthett
 Apr 3 Corinne Depew
 Apr 3 Diane Fast
 Apr 9 Dylan Nichols
 Apr 9 Scarlet Watson



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:30 WORSHIP	30 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	31	1 AEROBICS NO WED NIGHT DINNER	2 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE MAUNDY THURSDAY UCC CHURCH 29 TH STREET:	3 AEROBICS GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE HERE: 7 PM	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP	6 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	7	8 AEROBICS WED DINNER YOUTH PROGRAM CHOIR REHEARSAL	9 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	10 AEROBICS	11 2ND LIGHT SHELTER LUNCH SERVICE
12 9:00 AM GROWTH STEERING HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 FINE ARTS MEETING	13 AEROBICS PRAIRIEWIND FOLK DANCING	14 5:30 PM CABINET INVESTMENT CLUB	15 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER DULL CREATIVES CHOIR REHEARSAL	16 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	17 AEROBICS	18
19 9 AM CE BOARD 10:30 WORSHIP 9 AM MISSIONS BOARD	20 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	21 INVESTMENT CLUB	22 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER BOOK CLUB CHOIR REHEARSAL	23 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	24 AEROBICS	25
26 10:30AM WORSHIP YOUTH SUNDAY	27 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	28 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	29 WED NIGHT DINNER SPEAKER: PANDO INITIATIVE	30 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	MAY 1 AEROBICS	2