



THE SEASON OF EASTER



Serve & Enrich
Zion United Church
of Christ

Our Mission: United by Christ's loving embrace, a welcoming light in an unsure world, we serve and enrich the community and provide a safe gathering space for fellowship, spiritual growth, and self-exploration.

Our Vision: Transforming and caring for our community through Christ's love.

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Prelude

Gathering—Easter invites us to be ready to meet Christ, anywhere, at any time, in anyone.~ Let us meet Christ now in our worship, in our community, and in our world.

***Gathering Song** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven, 289*

Prayer—Lover of our souls, you meet us on the road of life and lift us from our pain and grief. Heal our hardness of heart, and open our minds to the subtleness of your ways and the grandeur of your kingdom. During times of suffering and doubt, help us grow strong and true, through your enduring word. Reveal your presence to us, as we show hospitality to strangers and break bread in your name.~

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—**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.**

Bell Choir

Exploring Together

What does service look like?

Scripture

1 Peter 1:21-23 (NRSVUE)

²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSVUE)

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he

has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reflection

From the Heart

Serving at Zion

Hymn

We Are Called to Be God's People, 580

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—1 Peter 1:21 tells us that, “Through [Jesus], you have come to trust in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.” Let us give glory to the Living God by demonstrating that trust and hope in the offering of gifts to meet the needs of our community and to manifest the love of God in us.+

April Benevolence

Global Ministries, 30 Years of Ministry

*Doxology

We Give Thanks—Generous God, we pray that these gifts will bring glory to your name and bless your creation through good stewardship, Spirit-led discernment, and generous love. Amen.+

Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love, 595

Benediction

As you go, may your heart burn
For the love of God to ignite throughout the world
Through acts—great and small— of compassion, kindness, and community
Through sacrifices—great and small—for justice, liberation, and restoration
Through commitments—great and small—to bring good news to every moment,
decision, and interaction.
Go on...enflamed with the hope of peace burning brightly from the heart.+

Sung Response

Because He Lives (chorus only), 447

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.*

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ZION

- **Sunday, April 26, 9 am** – Bell Choir Practice
- **Monday, 6:30 pm** – Care Team (Zoom)
- **Tuesday, 1 pm** – Matthew Small Group Study (Paula’s House)
- **Friday, 4-6 pm** – Bake Sale Drop Off (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday, 7 am** – Treasure Trunk and Bake Sale Set Up
- **Saturday, 8 am – 2 pm** – Treasure Trunk and Bake Sale
- **Sunday, May 3, after worship** – First Sunday Fellowship
- **Sunday, May 3, after worship** – Young Adult Group at Rustic Gardens

SERVE

- **RILEY CHEER GUILD**—The Riley Cheer Guild and the kids at Riley could use your help! They are running low on Hot Wheels and are out of Play-Doh sets, which include a few containers of Play-Doh and some tools. Donations can be dropped off anytime in the sanctuary at our Riley service station. Just look for the big “Riley” sign and tubs.
- **BLOOD DRIVE**—Thank you to all our donors and volunteers who helped with our Red Cross Blood Drive this past Thursday. Together you have helped save lives.
- **APRIL BENEVOLENCE: Global Ministries**—Global Ministries is a joint partnership between the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Together we accompany and serve with over 250 global partners in about 90 countries. Sharing God’s love, we work for justice, reconciliation, and peace.

ENRICH

- **MATTHEW SMALL GROUPS**—If you’ve not yet participated in our Gospel of Matthew Small Groups, you’re invited to join our in-person group on Tuesdays from 1-2:30 pm at Paula’s house. We have wrapped up all of our online groups. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate!
- **1st FELLOWSHIP HOUR**—Join us after worship on Sunday, May 3, for donuts and a time to be together in community.
- **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—The Young Adult Groups is heading to Rustic Gardens on Sunday, May 3, after the 1st Fellowship Hour. RSVP to Pastor Sarah if you plan to attend. It is \$10 for 9 holes.

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- **TREASURE TRUNK AND BAKE SALE**—Save the date! Our next Treasure Trunk Sale is Saturday, May 2, from 8-2 pm, with a rain date of May 16. See Becky Osher to reserve your spot today. You'll receive 2 parking lot spaces for \$15 to sell garage sale, antique, and other items. If you'd like to donate items for the church to sell, a donation box is available in the sanctuary. Items will be sold by offer. The Fundraising Team is also having a bake sale and will feature their mini bread loaves. Pull tabs will be available if you'd like to donate baked goods. Please drop off baked goods at the community center on Friday, May 1 from 4:00 to 6:00. If you'd like to help at a booth during the sale, please see the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary.
- **EASTSIDE CREATION CARE NETWORK (ECCN)**—The ECCN is a collaborative effort of churches on the eastside of Indianapolis to care for creation. They provide support for ministry Green Teams, as well as education for churches seeking to be good stewards of God's creation. They will have a special meeting on Thursday, May 7, to tour RecycleForce at 816 N. Sherman Dr. RecycleForce is a 501(c)(3) committed to reducing crime through employment and job training while improving the environment through electronics recycling. Since 2006, RecycleForce has safely recycled more than 100 million pounds of electronic waste and recycles up to 97% of everything that comes through their doors. They also take plastic, metal, and Styrofoam. If you are interested in attending this tour, please let Pastor Sarah know.
- **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**—We will celebrate the life and legacy of Pat Snyder on Saturday, May 9, from 1-3 pm in the Zion sanctuary. An obituary for Pat is now available and can be found at <https://www.bellmortuary.com/obituaries/patricia-snyder>.
- **GRADUATION SUNDAY**—Graduation season is just around the corner! Join us during worship on Sunday, May 17, as we celebrate the graduates in our congregation and in your lives. We will present gifts to our Zion graduates, and you'll be invited to name the graduates in your lives as we offer a blessing for them and all that's ahead.
- **BUILDING USE FYI**—Both the sanctuary and the Community Center will be sprayed inside and outside for pests on Monday at 10:30 am. Please avoid these areas during that time.