

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME. If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK. Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

We enter in darkness and silence.

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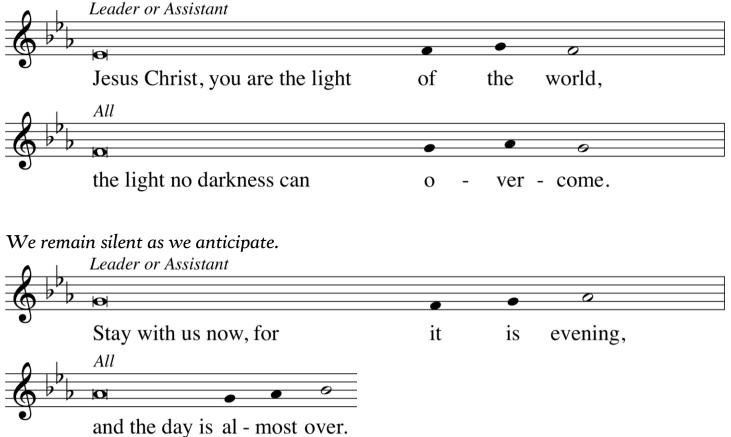
My Master from A Garden Rose

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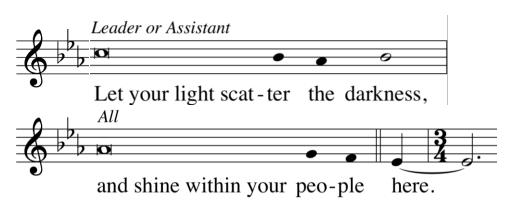
We sit in silence. **MUSIC**

Holden Evening Prayer

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We anticipate the open tomb.



We stand as we realize the tomb is empty!

EASTER PROCLAMATION Alleluia! Christ is Risen! *He is risen!* Alleluia! Christ is Risen! *He is risen, indeed!* Alleluia! Christ is Risen! *He is risen, indeed!* Alleluia!

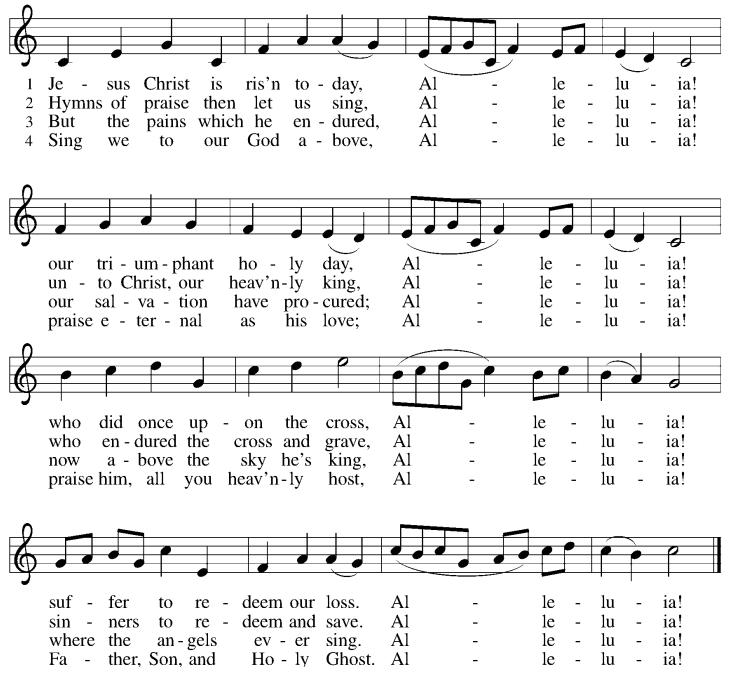
In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

He wash away our sin and all that separates us from God. Empower our witness to the resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.

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Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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GREETING

We gather for worship on this Easter Resurrection Sunday in the name of the Father, and \ddagger of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Kyrie

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

THE WORD

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

We read responsively. ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly! ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

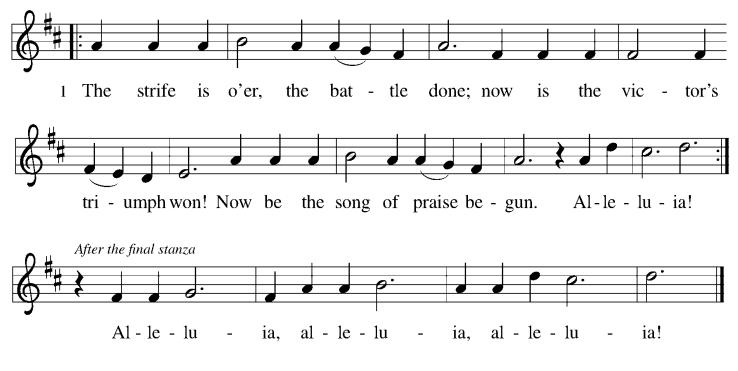
We stand and face the cross as the Word is brought among us. The Strife is O'er **GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL** Public Domain ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu Al - le - lu ia! -_ 0 three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es The glo - rious 3 from the dead. All glo - ry to head! Al-le - lu - ia! our ris - en After the final stanza Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia! _ -

Mark 16:1-8 The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 16th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid

The gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

We turn to face the altar as the cross leads us. GOSPEL RECESSIONAL The Strife is O'er Public Domain Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



We sit. CHILDREN MUSIC

Christ the Lord is Risen Today Wesley, Arnold/CCLI#27965

CHILDREN'S TIME

We can tell the world!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation. Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

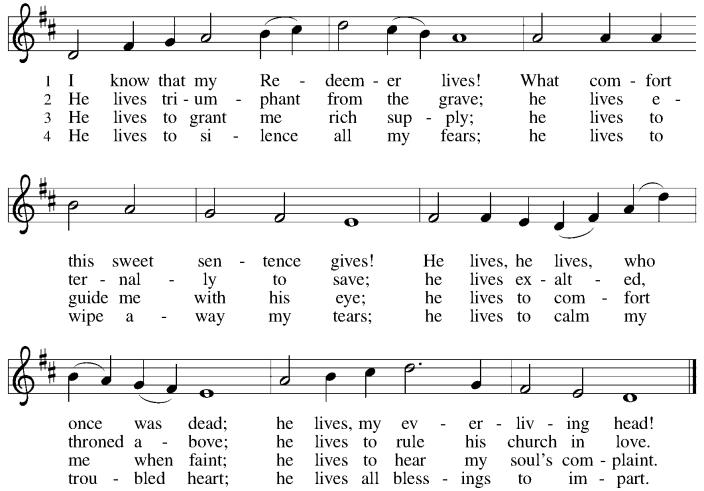
SERMON

He is alive!

We stand. **HYMN**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition:

Risen Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. *Amen.*

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

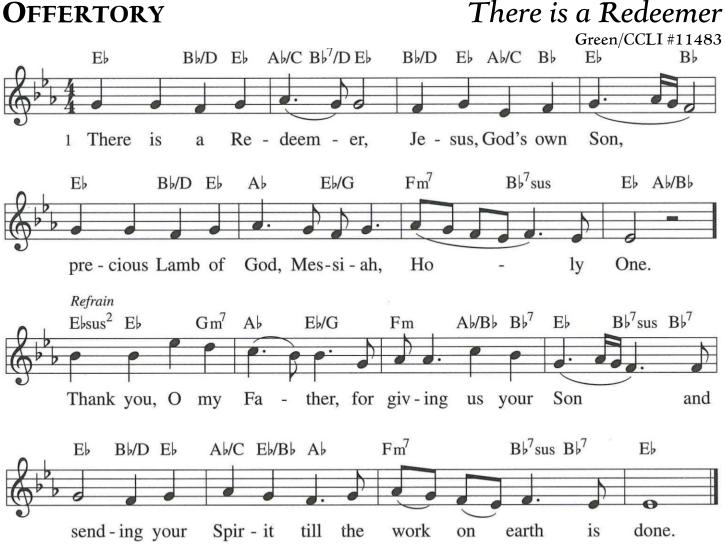
Friendship pads have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.



Glory Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb!

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We stand. **OFFERTORY**



OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places. 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.*

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION We pray together. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised **†** Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. *Amen.*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

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As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary. SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE We follow the light of Christ into the world. We are God's people on a mission. We have gathered. We have been fed. Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 20th wedding anniversary by Joey and Mary Koon.



The Outreach Team is continuing children's clothing for Cayce Elementary and Springdale Elementary. Items needed are new and gently used clothing sizes 5/6 through 16/18. New underwear is also

needed. Containers are located outside the church office for this clothing.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

APRIL 7TH AT 5:00 PM~ Jade Watford will be the speaker. Jade is the sister to Taylor Watford who died from a fentanyl OD. She is coming to speak to the youth on drugs, prom, etc.

APRIL 21ST ~ Youth will meet at the church for a NIGHT OUT! The youth will be going to an Escape Room and dinner!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! VBS will be June 23rd-27th



Please join in the flowering of the cross immediately following worship. We would love to see your Easter photos. Posting on FaceBook with #**WeAreMtHermon** will allow us to see all of your photos.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS 03/24/2024 In-person Worship 131 + Live Stream Worship 123 = 254

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,173.26
Building Fund	Received	\$1,347.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$990.00

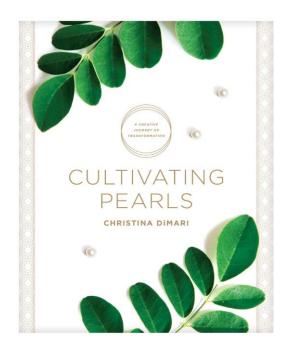
Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of **Gene Schofield** by Herb Bucknam, Parker & Diane Boulware and the Kairos Sunday School class.

In memory of **Sara Busbee** by Parker & Diane Boulware

Cultivating Pearls / Bible Journaling 101

Ladies are invited to join a 7-week Bible study beginning on Sunday, April 14 – June 2 from 3-5:30 pm in the Mt. Hermon Education Wing (no meeting on Mother's Day, May 12) centered on Revelations 21 & 22. This study will incorporate creative coloring, journaling, and Bible analysis. Necessary materials consist of purchasing the "Cultivating Pearls" book, colored pencils, and a Bible. Some supplies will be provided. For additional details, reach out to Jessica Goodwin at gracefullyaltered@gmail.com.



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Easter Sunday	Next Sunday		
Ushers:	Herb Bucknam Ronnie Fulmer	Joel Price Jr Cindy Price		
Crucifer:	Josh Koon	Jake Dugan		
Acolyte:	Walker Kinard	Hayden Eargle		
Lector:	Sam Koon	Angie Hydrick		
Communion Assts:	Sam Koon	Cindy Price		
	Hayden Eargle	Joel Price Jr		
	Connor Eargle	Jake Dugan		
	Chanler Coppens	Hayden Eargle		
	Josh Koon	Angie Hydrick		
Banner Bearer:	Sam Koon	n/a		
Bible Bearer:	Chanler Coppens	n/a		
Torch Bearers:	Hayden Eargle Connor Eargle	n/a		
Nursery:	Charlene Corley DJ Plummer	Noah Swygert Cassie Swygert		
Flowers:	Joe & Mary Koon	Al & Laura Stevens		

SERVING IN MARCH

<u>COUNCIL REP</u>: Mary Koon <u>ALTAR GUILD</u>: Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware <u>TABULATORS</u>: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease <u>USHERS</u>: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman <u>AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM</u>: Breanna Metze, Sheila Starkey

MT HERMON PRAYS

*family of Gene Schofield *family of Gale Garrett

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, Asbury Arms Dot Mathias, home Alberta Berry, home Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place Bobby & Doris Carver, Presby Home Georgianna Gray, home James Hallman, Lakeside Place

Marie Kleckley, Lex Ext Care Gene & Jane Sexton, Phoenix Asst Living Gloria Mathias, home Jean Shealy, Lakeside Place Tom Roof, home Cyndi Thurman, home Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Missy Addy Bonnie Bouknight Kelli Mills Jim Whitaker Chris Carroll Sharon Keefe Easton Donaldson

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Josh Jackson, friend of Joel Price, Jr. Brannon Yonce, friend of Michelle Gantt Katy Madigan, friend of Marie Carroll Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott Jamie Spell, friend of David Marsh Logan Wittwer, friend of Jessica Goodwin & Cameron Blakely Louise Cooper. Kelli Mills Nigel Tetley, friend of Sherwood Garrett Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen Wayne Kneece, uncle of Michelle Gantt Derwin Rish, friend of Michelle Gantt Jody & Libby Ortmann, lost their daughter, Sallie, on Christmas Day, Sallie was the "adopted daughter" of Fran Bouknight Roger Spires, friend of Chris Carroll Quentin Oswalt, Angie Hydrick's nephew, deploying to Iraq Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof Sandra Watson, aunt of Courtney Bucknam Please note that this prayer list has Joyce & Doug Gilbert, coworkers of Courtney Bucknam Sarah Harmon, friend of Courtney Bucknam been updated. If you wish to add Hannah Pierce, friend of Jaquelyn Haulik someone back to this list, please Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family, friends of Debra & Dave Butts send an email to Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller Wes Hopkins, nephew of Jennifer Miller office@WeAreMtHermon.com Will Pickett, friend of Jennifer Miller Paul Garner, friend of Robert Haygood Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart Jaimie Womack, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Cynthia Mallard, friend of Sheila Starkey and Beth Jordan Blase Rhine, grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, April 7th

9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, April 8th

5:30 pm CR: Dot Mathias

Wednesday, April 10th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 13th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Al & Laura Stevens)

Pastor Gina will be on vacation: April 6th through April 16th

If you have an emergency, please contact your care team leader





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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, March 31st Easter Resurrection Day

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service (Outdoor Worship)
- 7:30 am Breakfast by youth (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am The Tomb is Open Worship
- 10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, April 1st

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

Wednesday, April 3rd

9:00 am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)
9:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Friday, April 5th

2:00 pm Memorial Service: Gale Garrett

Saturday, April 6th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Mike Rawl, Jamie & Nancy Addison)