



Leap of Faith

APRIL 2023

F. R. O. G.
Forever Relying On God



April is the end of Lent this year. In April, we start with Palm Sunday, and move through Holy Week to the cross, and finally to a glorious Easter morning. Our Lenten journey has taken us all the way from Nazareth to Jerusalem, from Gethsemane to Golgotha.

Max Lucado* writes about Simon the Cyrene. He was forced, by the Roman soldiers, to carry the cross of Christ. Lucado realizes that Simon did what all of us as followers of Christ are asked to do. Luke 9:23 puts it this way: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

This is not a burden, but a privilege. Lucado tells us that the cross is God's tool of redemption. To take up the cross is to have the compassion of Christ for the salvation of the world. Lucado tells us to be alert to any possibility to share this good news that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*The Lucado Encouraging Word Bible
Amen Pastor Laura

COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON ZOOM!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here at St. John's United Church of Christ.

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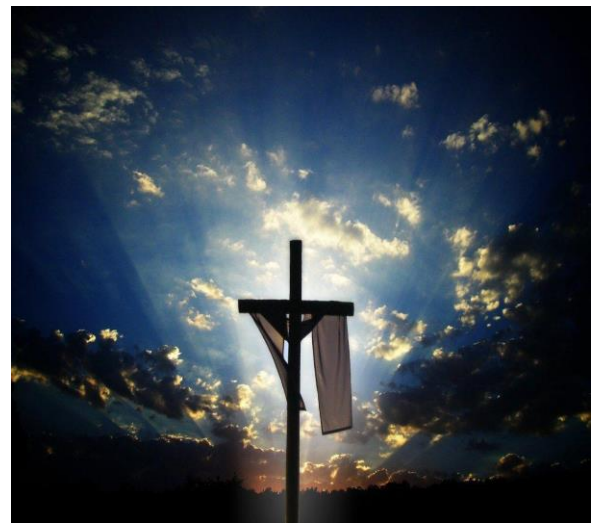
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

- 01 – April Fool's Day
- 02 – Palm Sunday
- 07 – Good Friday
- 09 – Easter Sunday
- 22 – Earth Day
- 28 – Arbor Day

**PSALM SUNDAY APRIL 2,
2023**

*'Blessed is the King who comes in
the name of the LORD!' Luke
19:38*



***HE IS
RISEN***
CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR
Luke 24 : 1-12

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

- April**
- 02** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Wayne Knudson
 - 09** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Courtney Papa-Abell
 - 16** Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker
Liturgist – George Adamson
 - 23** Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker
Liturgist – Kelly Harris
 - 30** Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris

Thank you to everyone for helping out!

**Invitation To Speak With Our
Pastor.**

If anyone would like a visit or phone call from our pastor, you can call the church number 574-651-7612 and leave us a message and we will let our pastor know.

Spring Meeting

The North West Association of the Indiana Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ is having its annual Spring Meeting on April 23rd at 4pm on Zoom.

Invitation from Bashor's Children's Home

Tour the facility on April 23 2-4pm
Followed by worship service with
Bishop Julius Trimble at 4pm.
RSVP to 574-875-5117 if you'd
like to attend.

Thank you!

Thanks to Cindy and Laura we will have special
music on Palm Sunday and Easter.

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CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Mary Ellen Harris (Pres)	Edward Quillin
Jean Quillin (VP)	Dennis Harris
Kelly Harris (Sec)	Wayne Knudson
George Adamson (Treas)	
Courtney Papa-Abell	



Why does Easter Fall on a different date each year?

Easter's exact date varies so much because it actually depends on the moon. The holiday is set to coincide with the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Though the equinox's exact date can vary each year according to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the church always recognizes the vernal equinox as March 21.

So why does Easter come after the Paschal Full Moon? Early Christians wanted Easter to coincide with Passover, because Christ's death and resurrection happened after the Jewish holiday, writes Christian minister Mary Fairchild on LearnReligions.com. Because the Jewish calendar is tied to solar and lunar cycles, the dates of Passover and Easter fluctuate each year.

Lent Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Liturgy of the Palms April 2, 2023 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> ART -- PRAYER		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 21:1-11	
Liturgy of the Passion April 2, 2023 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Holy Week Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Monday of Holy Week April 3, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week April 4, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18- 31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday of Holy Week April 5, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday April 6, 2023 <i>Holy Thursday</i> ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday April 7, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday April 8, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19- 24	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

Easter Year A

First reading

Psalm

Second reading

Gospel

Old Testament Readings and Psalms

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
- Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Psalm 46
- Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16
- Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18
- Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6
- Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19
- Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43
- Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143
- Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98

Easter Vigil

April 9, 2023

[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

New Testament Reading and Psalm

- Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114

Gospel

- Matthew 28:1-10

Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 2023

Easter Day

[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

*[Acts 10:34-43](#)

or

[Jeremiah 31:1-6](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2,
14-24](#)

[Colossians 3:1-4](#)

or

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

[John 20:1-18](#)

or

[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

Easter Evening

April 9, 2023

[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

[Psalm 114](#)

[1 Corinthians 5:6b-
8](#)

[Luke 24:13-49](#)

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

*[Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#)

[Psalm 16](#)

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

*[Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)

[Psalm 116:1-4,
12-19](#)

[1 Peter 1:17-23](#)

[Luke 24:13-35](#)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

*[Acts 2:42-47](#)

[Psalm 23](#)

[1 Peter 2:19-25](#)

[John 10:1-
10](#)



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