

Family Promise

April 23-29
Helping Other Families

Come help host a family in transition who will be staying at the Scout Hut during the week of April 23-29. Volunteers are needed to serve as a dinner host, an overnight host, or to assist with setup, breakdown, and laundry. Please contact Norita Murray at rmurrayiv@charter.net.

Encore Volunteer Training

Monday, May 1
9-12 PM in Room M140

Be a part of the meaningful work at Encore by training to be a volunteer! We will teach you the skills you need to communicate with persons living with various forms of dementia and memory loss, and how to be a friend to them. Join an amazing group of volunteers and the Encore family by contacting Patti Williams, encorepatti@gmail.com.

Living Faith Sermon Series

April 23-May 7

Come take a closer look at the timeless story of the resurrection and how it transforms us into the people Christ made us to be.

April 23 - Why the way we think about facts versus faith is important

April 30 - What it means when we say Jesus conquered death

May 7 - How the church can be the hands and feet of Christ today

Special Announcements

In the Hospital / Rehab (as of April 20)

Anne Collum.....Fair Haven

Carolyn Smallwood.....Fair Haven

Thanksgiving for the Life of

Mickey Townsend.....April 16, 2017

Weddings

Congratulations to Laura Warren and Scott Russell who were united in holy matrimony on April 15, 2017 and Jennifer Ford and Wayne Killion who united in holy matrimony on April 22, 2017.

Rose on the Sanctuary Lectern

The rose on the Sanctuary lectern is placed in honor of Robert "Conley" Post, son of Larkie & Eric Post, who was born on April 12, 2017.



Traditional Worship

APRIL 23, 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PREACHING — REV. DALE COHEN

LITURGIST — REV. SAM WILLIAMSON

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."

(John 20:30-31, NRSV)

John's gospel was the last of the gospels written, and by the time it was completed, any witnesses to the resurrection were long gone—including the disciple, John. Scholars believe that there was a community that identified closely with John, and out of this community arose the writings that we know as the Gospel of John and possibly the three epistles attributed to John. The writing of these works did not occur until sometime between 90-110 AD. For convenience, scholars refer to the author as "John the Evangelist."

The people to whom John the Evangelist is writing would have been in the same boat as we are—not having been eyewitnesses to the life, ministry, or resurrection of Jesus. With the Christian faith being a relatively new religion, finding ways to galvanize the faith was imperative. Every story, every event, and every character in John's gospel is meant to convey John's desire that his readers, including us, get a clearer picture of Jesus so that our faith in him will grow.

When I first became a serious follower of Jesus Christ as a teenager, it was through the gospel of John that I read to get a glimpse of this One who would be the object of my faith. The imagery and the metaphors of John's gospel are vibrant with meaning—light, darkness, vines, branches, bread, sheep, shepherds, gates, doors, thieves, weddings, births, deaths, and even resurrection. John's gospel is rich with insights and nuances about who Jesus was when he walked the earth and who God is.

It's important to remember that John used all of this for one purpose—that we would come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that through believing, we might have life in his name. I don't know if 60+ years out from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus that his followers had lost their zeal. John makes it clear he wants to inspire us with his words so that whatever once burned in the hearts of Jesus' original disciples is kept burning in our hearts. John wants us to "have life in Jesus' name."

How is the fire of God's love burning in you? Are you tending the fire with perseverance and intention? Or has it begun to die out, and you're cooling off to the experience you once had? Maybe reading through the Gospel of John might give you a boost. Give it a try and let me know how it works for you.

Dale R. Cohen

Dale Cohen, Senior Pastor

WELCOME CHILDREN! —Parents, make sure your children get a worship activity pack in the Narthex entrance area. The Children's Comfort Room is also adjacent to the Narthex.



Hearing assist devices and large print hymnals available — ask an usher for help.



CANTERBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

Words in bold type are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Voluntary Praise to the Lord, the Almighty J. S. Bach

Welcome and Parish Notices

Collect *The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.*

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

* Processional Hymn 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.

* Gloria Patri
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.

* Passing of the Peace *The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with You.*

Children's Moment Dena Berte

Infant Baptism Brooks Alexander Rambo *see insert*

Anthem Easter Anthem William Billings

The Lord is ris'n indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.
And did he rise? Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead: He rose!
He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave. Then I rose!
Then first Humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of night and seized eternal youth.
Man, all-immortal, hail! Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man!
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss!

Pastoral Prayer and 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. Amen.

Our Gifts and Music

Offertory Anthem O Sons and Daughters arr. Parker/Shaw

O sons and daughters, let us sing; the King of heaven, our glorious King
O'er death and hell rose triumphing, Alleluia!
When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
"My wounded side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet I show to thee.
Not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!
No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the hands, the feet, the side.
"Thou art my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

* Doxology OLD 100TH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Gospel Procession 307 Christ Is Risen, vv. 1 & 2 W ZLOBIE LEZY

* Gospel Lesson John 20: 19 - 31
This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Procession 307 Christ Is Risen, v. 3 W ZLOBIE LEZY

Sermon Rev. Dale Cohen

* Hymn of Commitment 312 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise LLANFAIR

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Recessional Prayer Ted Clark, cantor
Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the words we have said and sung this day may be so grafted and guarded in our hearts, that our lives may bring forth good fruits, and our lips shall show forth Thy praise, to the honor and glory of Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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