



# Leap of Faith

## APRIL 2024

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



There are exciting things happening in God's creation this month. We will hopefully be able to see a total solar eclipse right here in Indiana.

Earth Day is also celebrated in April. We celebrate our beautiful earth and how we need to be good stewards of what God has given to us. When we consider these things, we, along with the Psalmist in Psalm 8 can say, "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them? This brings us peace knowing that we serve a great and awesome God.

Amen Reverend Laura Doty

### 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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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

10:15 AM



PRELUDE "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Connecting to a community of believers is vital in your Christian walk. We all need Christian Fellowship to build us up and to hold us up. If you can't join us in person or on Zoom, watch our recorded service on our website or Facebook page.

# Bible Quiz: Jesus is Raised from the Dead

<https://www.christianbiblereference.org>

**1) Jesus was crucified on a Friday, and hastily laid in a tomb before the Sabbath began at sunset. Early Sunday morning, after the Sabbath was over, some women came to the tomb with spices to properly prepare Jesus' body for burial according to Jewish custom. Who was among these women?**

- ☐ Martha
- ☐ Mary Magdalene
- ☐ Mary, mother of Jesus
- ☐ Phoebe

**2) What did the women notice when they arrived at the tomb?**

- ☐ Jesus was standing beside the tomb to greet them.
- ☐ A blinding white light was shining from inside the tomb.
- ☐ The large stone covering the entrance to the tomb had been rolled away.
- ☐ A cloud of smoke and fire encircled the tomb.

**3) How did the women find out Jesus had risen from the dead?**

- ☐ A voice from the clouds told them Jesus had risen.
- ☐ Peter came running with the news that he had seen Jesus alive.
- ☐ Someone at the tomb told them Jesus had risen.
- ☐ The "disciple Jesus loved" came running with the news that he had seen Jesus alive.

**4) One of the women saw the risen Jesus near the tomb, but did not recognize Him at first. Who did she mistake Him for?**

- ☐ Jesus' brother James
- ☐ The gardener
- ☐ One of the disciples
- ☐ A stranger from Samaria



## APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

**April 07** Laura Doty, Reverend  
Liturgist – Kolten Harris  
**14** Laura Doty, Reverend  
Liturgist – Kelly Harris  
**21** Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker  
Liturgist – Kayden Harris  
**28** Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker  
Liturgist – Kevin Harris

**Thank you to everyone for helping out!**

## CONSISTORY MEMBERS

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

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

01 – April Fool's Day  
08 – Total Solar Eclipse  
22 – Earth Day  
26 – Arbor Day

## SUBSCRIBE TO PRAYER REQUESTS

To get a list of prayer request you have to subscribe to it on our web page. You will not see all the requests unless you have a subscription. You do not have to be a member of our Prayer Warriors group or even a member of our church to subscribe. For instructions on how to subscribe please, email [webmaster@sitohnsuccelkhart.com](mailto:webmaster@sitohnsuccelkhart.com)



Our Chronic Pain Support Group is off to a good start. We had seven people attend on March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us our next meeting is on April 13 at 10am in the Clubhouse at Brentwood Assisted Living in Elkhart.

We donated socks at Central Christian's free community breakfast. If you would like to donate to our charitable fund please send a check to St. John's UCC in care of Rev. Laura Doty, 55839 Rivershore Lane, Elkhart, IN 46516.

Did you know that the property on the corner of Harrison and 3<sup>rd</sup> St. is up for sale? That is where our old church building was before we moved to the corner of Bay and Bristol St. The cornerstone and memorial for our church is on that property and we don't know what will happen to them when the lot is sold.

Our Palm Sunday and Easter services were very lovely with Cindy Robinett and Rev. Laura Doty bringing us special music.

# Bible Quiz Answers: Jesus is Raised from the Dead

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The correct answer is : Mary Magdalene

[Matthew 28:1](#), [Mark 16:1](#), [John 20:1](#). All four Gospels tell the same basic story of Jesus' resurrection, but they differ in some of the details. Mark also mentions Mary, mother of James, and Salome. Luke mentions Mary, mother of James, Joanna, and "others."

**3) How did the women find out Jesus had risen from the dead?**

The correct answer is: Someone at the tomb told them Jesus had risen.

[Matthew 28:5-6](#), [Mark 16:5-6](#), [Luke 24:4-7](#), [John 20:11-13](#). Matthew says it was an angel of the Lord. Mark says it was a young man dressed in a white robe. Luke says it was two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning. John says it was two angels in white. Perhaps this was such an awe-inspiring experience that no one knew how to describe it in human terms!

**2) What did the women notice when they arrived at the tomb?**

The correct answer is: The large stone covering the entrance to the tomb had been rolled away.

[Matthew 28:2](#), [Mark 16:3-4](#), [Luke 24:2](#), [John 20:1](#). In their haste and grief, the women had not thought about how to move the large stone until they were approaching the tomb ([Mark 16:3](#)).

**4) One of the women saw the risen Jesus near the tomb, but did not recognize Him at first. Who did she mistake Him for?**

The correct answer is: The gardener

[John 20:13-16](#). Jesus' appearance was somehow different, yet similar after His resurrection. Not only Mary Magdalene, but also His disciples, failed to recognize Him at first.

Few people doubt that Jesus was a real person who lived, preached and was crucified by the Romans. But in our skeptical age many find it difficult to believe He actually rose from the dead. However, after seeing Him alive, Jesus' disciples had no doubt that Jesus had risen and was truly the Son of God. So powerful was their faith that they were willing to endure persecution and even death to spread the good news to the world!



Lent Year B	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> April 7, 2024 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	* <a href="#">Acts 4:32-35</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 133</a>	<a href="#">1 John 1:1-2:2</a>	<a href="#">John 20:19-31</a>
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> April 14, 2024 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	* <a href="#">Acts 3:12-19</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 4</a>	<a href="#">1 John 3:1-7</a>	<a href="#">Luke 24:36b-48</a>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> April 21, 2024 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	* <a href="#">Acts 4:5-12</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 23</a>	<a href="#">1 John 3:16-24</a>	<a href="#">John 10:11-18</a>
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> April 28, 2024 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	* <a href="#">Acts 8:26-40</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 22:25-31</a>	<a href="#">1 John 4:7-21</a>	<a href="#">John 15:1-8</a>

## IT'S SPRING & TIME FOR BASEBALL! SOME PICTURES FROM PAST ST JOHN'S TEAMS.





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