



Leap of Faith

APRIL 2021

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



Spring is here! We can see it in the buds, we can hear it with a Robin's call, and we can smell it in the air as we detect the fragrance of hyacinths.

These are all nature's reminders of the new life we can all have in Jesus Christ. There are many beautiful Easter hymns that tell the story of Christ's wondrous love that caused Him to lay aside His crown in glory for each of our souls.

The hymn writers describe what that love looked like and felt like when Christ was bleeding and dying on the cross.

Indeed, the blood from His head, hands, and feet contained love and sorrow all at the same time. Love for each of us, and the sorrow and pain of bearing the sins of the world. You may want to read the words of these hymns again this Easter: What Wondrous Love is This, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, The Old Rugged Cross, and the contemporary hymn Easter Song.

The empty tomb tells us that we can be born again into eternal life with Jesus Christ. John 12 tells us that He came to glorify God. He came to be raised up to draw each of us to Him!

Remember our Easter greeting: Christ is risen! Indeed, love so amazing, so divine demands our souls, our lives, our all!

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.

Contact stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com for service information.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021 10:15 AM
Prelude "At Calvary"
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Lenten Bible Study-Promises, Promises
Every Wednesday, during Lent, Pastor Laura Doty will have a Lenten Bible Study at 6pm on Zoom. Everyone is welcome even if you can't join us every week, just drop in when you can. Let us know if you want to join by sending an email to stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com so we can send you the Zoom link.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

- 1 – April Fools Day
- 2 – Good Friday
- 4 – Easter Sunday
- 22 – Earth Day
- 30 – Arbor Day

Consistory Members

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



"CHANGE FOR OTHERS"



Change for Others" is our program where we collect spare change and donate it to different charities. We change charities every quarter. St. John's then matches the amount collected. We have suspended Change for others till we have in person worship service.

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

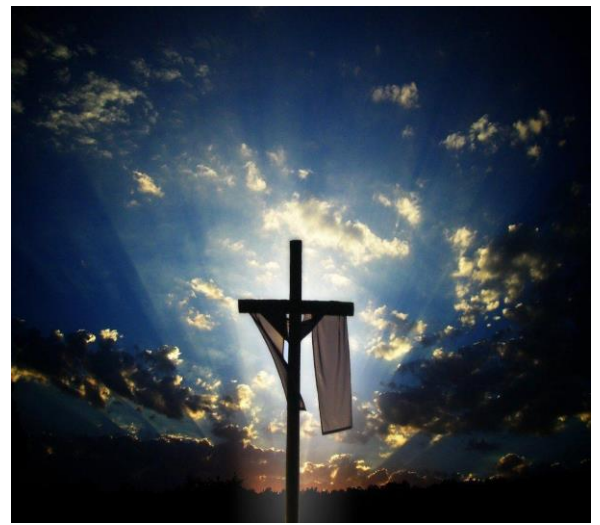
- April 04** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Courtney Papa
- 11** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Wayne Knudson
- 18** Janelle Godlewski Guest Speaker
Liturgist – George Adamson
- 25** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Kelly Harris

Thank you to everyone for helping out!

PRAYER

God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days. Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth. Thank you that things are coming awake in the world. This is what our calendar says, and we do see some signs that it is real. But we also still struggle with the residual layover of winter. Now we ask that you bring into reality all that belongs in this season. Your word says that we will have provision, and hope, and joy, and health and loving relationships here and now in this life.

We ask that what belongs in this season would become actual in our practical lives. We hope in you and in your promises. We hope in your gift of Spring.



***HE IS
RISEN***
CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

Luke 24 : 1-12

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He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!



EASTER FACTS

Why Is Easter Called ‘Easter’?

St. Bede the Venerable, the 6th century author of *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* (“Ecclesiastical History of the English People”), maintains that the English word “Easter” comes from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. Other historians maintain the “Easter” derives from *in albis*, a Latin phrase that’s plural for *alba*, or “dawn,” that became *eostarum* in Old High German, a precursor to the English language of today.

Despite its significance as a Christian holy day, many of the traditions and symbols that play a key role in Easter observances actually have roots in pagan celebrations—particularly the pagan goddess Eostre—and in the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Passover and Easter

Notably, Easter is also associated with the Jewish holiday of Passover, as well as the exodus of the Jews from Egypt, as described in the Old Testament. These links are clearly seen in the Last Supper, which occurred the night before Jesus’ arrest and the sufferings Jesus endured following his arrest.

The Last Supper was essentially a Passover feast. However, the New Testament describes it as being given new significance by Jesus: He identified the matzah (or bread) he shared with his 12 apostles as his “body” and the cup of wine they drank as his “blood.”

These rituals would come to symbolize the sacrifice he was about to make in death, and became the basis for the Christian ritual of Holy Communion, which remains a fundamental part of Christian religious services.

As Jesus’ arrest and execution were said to have occurred during the Jewish observance of Passover, the Easter holiday is often close to the former celebration on the Judeo-Christian calendar.

Holy Week Year B	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Maundy Thursday				
April 1, 2021 Holy Thursday 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 2, 2021 Holy Saturday 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
April 3, 2021 Holy Sunday 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

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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

New Testament Reading and Psalm

- Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114

Gospel

- Mark 16:1-8

**Easter
Year B**

First reading

Psalm

Second reading

Gospel

**Resurrection of
the Lord**

April 4, 2021

Easter Day

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

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

or

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

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

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

or

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

[John
20:1-18](#)
or
[Mark
16:1-8](#)

Easter Evening

April 4, 2021

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

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

[Psalm
114](#)

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

[Luke
24:13-
49](#)

**Second Sunday
of Easter**

April 11, 2021

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

*[Acts 4:32-35](#)

[Psalm
133](#)

[1 John 1:1-2:2](#)

[John
20:19-
31](#)

**Third Sunday of
Easter**

April 18, 2021

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

*[Acts 3:12-19](#)

[Psalm 4](#) [1 John 3:1-7](#)

[Luke
24:36b-
48](#)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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

*[Acts 4:5-12](#)

[Psalm 23](#)

[1 John
3:16-
24](#)

[John 10:11-
18](#)



COMMUNION

Every first Sunday is
Communion Sunday.

CONSISTORY MEETING –

**Wednesday, April 7th
6:00 pm on Zoom. If you would
like to join please contact
Courtney Papa.**



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