



Leap of Faith

APRIL 2022

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Forever Relying On God



What a joyous time is Spring! New life is all around us in every tree and flower. The birds have returned to announce this reawakening of the Earth. Song of Solomon 2:11-12 puts it this way, "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.":

Indeed, many beautiful songs and hymns have been written about the new life that Christ brought to all of us on that first Easter. The Gaithers along with Danny Daniels wrote "I've Just Seen Jesus". This song imagines the feelings of seeing the risen Christ on that Easter morning two thousand years ago. Sandy Patti and Larnelle Harris bring each of us to that moving moment when Mary Magdalene saw Jesus, alive when He called her by name.

We have journeyed together through Lent remembering the life, ministry, and sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us. Now it is time to celebrate His gift of eternal life that He has given to each of us. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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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IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

- 1 – April Fool's Day
- 10 – Palm Sunday
- 15 – Good Friday
- 17 – Easter Sunday
- 22 – Earth Day
- 29 – Arbor Day

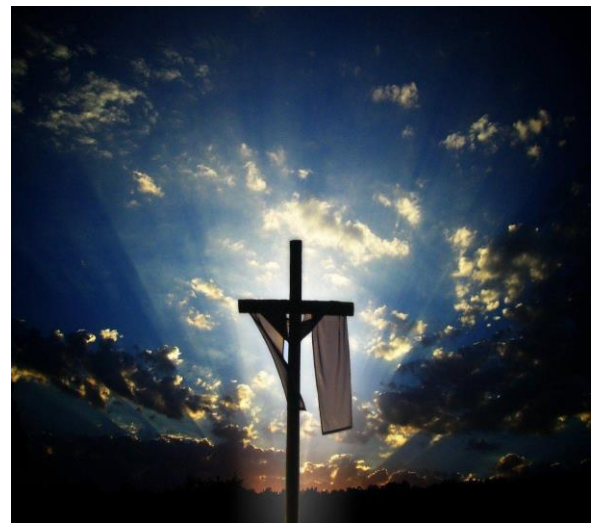
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Dear friends,
Thank you so much for being a sponsoring
CWS Blanket congregation! Church World
Service couldn't do our Blankets ministry
without congregations like yours. We are so
grateful for your generosity.

Blessings,
Tonda Pirtle
Senior Administrative Assistant
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**HE IS
RISEN
CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR**

Luke 24 : 1-12

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

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| April | 03 | Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris |
| | 10 | Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Kelly Harris, Liturgist |
| | 17 | Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Wayne Knudson |
| | 24 | Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker
Liturgist – Courtney Papa |

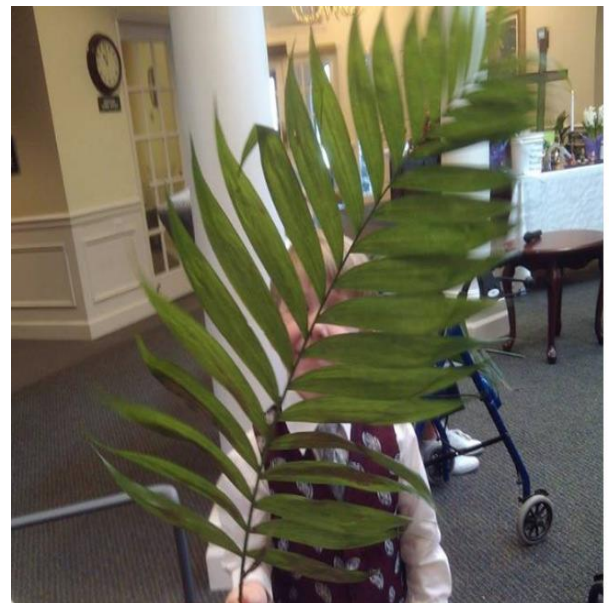
Thank you to everyone for helping out!

Thank you!

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

PSALM SUNDAY APRIL 10,

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





Historic April Fools' Pranks

Millionaire auctions off iceberg: in 1978, a businessman and adventurer named Dick Smith announced he would be towing an iceberg from Antarctica to break into smaller cubes for sale. He advertised that these Antarctic ice cubes would freshen the taste of any drink for the price of ten cents a cube. The media was on site in the Sydney Harbor to report on the barge towing the iceberg, which was revealed to actually sheets covered with shaving cream and fire extinguishing foam.

Big Ben Goes Digital: The BBC reported in 1980 that the famous Big Ben clock tower would be converted to a digital clock in order to modernize the tower's look. This outraged many citizens, as the clock tower was a historical part of London's culture. BBC Japan even offered the clock hands in a contest to the first four callers, which actually resulted in some bidding.

Sweden Covers their TVs in Tights: in 1962, Sweden's only television channel announced that the station could be viewed in color if one cut up tights and placed it over the television's screen, which would bend the television's light to make it appear in color. Thousands of Swedes cut up stockings and taped them over their television only to realize they were victims of a hoax.

Thank you from Church Community Services

Dear Pastor Laura,

Because of you and your congregation, we were able to help Susan. Imagine living in your car. Now imagine living in your car in the middle of an Elkhart winter. That's what Susan has been doing. Staff here have known Susan for many years. She struggles with mental health issues and recently started to receive services from a mental health clinic where her case manager can assist her in getting what she needs to get better. Our Financial Services program was able to assist Susan with a deposit so she could move into an apartment. Had it not been for Church Community Services, Susan likely wouldn't have been able to obtain housing, a basic need for which she is extremely grateful.

Thank you so much for helping us help our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

Hayley Tessier

Communications Director

Church Community Services

Lent Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3, 2022 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Liturgy of the Palms April 10, 2022 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> ART -- PRAYER		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29		Luke 19:28-40
Holy Week Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Monday of Holy Week April 11, 2022 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week April 12, 2022 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18- 31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday of Holy Week April 13, 2022 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022 <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 15, 2022 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 16, 2022 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 C

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 17, 2022

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

New Testament Reading and Psalm

- Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114

Gospel

- Luke 24:1-12

Resurrection of the Lord

April 17, 2022

Easter Day

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

Easter Evening

April 17, 2022

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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

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

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

or

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#)

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

*[Acts 5:27-32](#)

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

[Psalm 114](#)

[Psalm 118:14-29](#)

or

[Psalm 150](#)

[1 Corinthians](#)

[15:19-26](#)

or

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

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

[Revelation 1:4-8](#)

[John 20:1-18](#)

or

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

[Luke 24:13-49](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Mary Ellen Harris (Pres)

Jean Quillin (VP)

Kelly Harris (Sec)

George Adamson (Treas)

Courtney Papa-Abell

Edward Quillin

Dennis Harris

Wayne Knudson



*Let PRAYER be
the key to the
day, and the bolt
to the night*



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