

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES



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BAPTIST



Chesterland Baptist Church

12670 Chillicothe Rd.
Chesterland, OH 44026

**Please join us
for our:**

**Maunder Thursday
Service at 7:00 pm
On April 6, 2023**

*May Your Faith in God,
Bring Peace to Your Heart,
This Good Friday and Always.*

Have a Blessed
Good Friday



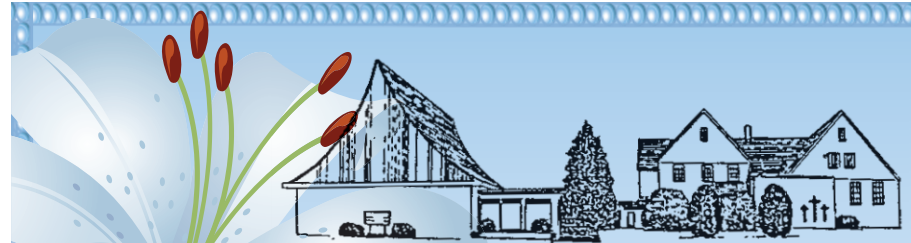
Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast on 4-9-2023 @ 9:30 am

***Bring your own place settings and a dish to share.**

Coffee, juice & milk will be provided.

An Easter Play will follow by the kids.

Church Service will be at 11:00 am



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WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAMS

Thursday Evenings 8:00 pm
Friday Afternoons 2:00 pm
Saturday Mornings 10:00 am
Sunday Afternoons 2:30 pm
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Sunday Mornings,
10:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Studies, 7:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

29850 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH 44092

(440) 585-0700

Holy Thursday:	<i>7 PM Mass of the Solemn Lord's Supper</i>
Good Friday:	<i>Stations-NOON 3:00 PM Services</i>
Holy Saturday:	<i>Food Blessing at Noon</i>
Easter Vigil:	<i>8:00 PM</i>
Easter Sunday:	<i>7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM</i>
Divine Mercy Program:	<i>Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 PM</i>

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday - 4 PM, Sunday - 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM



St. Mary Chardon

www.stmarychardon.org

Holy Thursday, April 6th

- Morning Prayer, 7:30 am
- Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM
- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7th

- Morning Prayer, 7:30 am
- Passion of the Lord, 3:00 pm
- Living Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 8th

- Morning Prayer, 8:30 am
- Blessing of Food, 12:00 pm
- Easter Vigil, 8:45 pm

Easter Sunday, April 9th

- Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm



OUR LADY
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Join us at Easter, or any time!
All are welcome at
Our Lady of the Lake



April 1 - 2:	Palm Sunday Weekend
April 5:	Tenebrae, 7:00pm
April 6:	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm
April 7:	Good Friday, Community Stations of the Cross, 12:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00pm
April 8:	Holy Saturday Blessing of Food, 12:00pm; Easter Vigil, 8:45pm
April 9:	Easter 8:30am, 11:00am

At the corner of E. 200th and Lakeshore Blvd, Euclid
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Divine Word Catholic Church



8100 Eagle Road
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
440-256-1412

www.divinewordkirtland.org

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday, April 3rd 9:00-10:00 AM, 7:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday, April 4th 9:00-10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 5th 9:00-10:00 AM, 7:00-8:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Livestreamed), 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM followed by

The Divine Mercy Novena

Stations of the Cross (Livestreamed), 12:00 PM

Service of the Lord's Passion (Livestreamed), 3:00 PM

Taize Prayer (Livestreamed), 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM followed by

The Divine Mercy Novena

Blessing of the Food, 11:00 AM

Easter Vigil Mass (Livestreamed), 9:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

Mass (Livestreamed), 8:30 AM

Mass, 11:00 AM



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HOLY THURSDAY ~ April 6th
Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00 pm

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**GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Stations of the Cross @ 12 Noon  
The Lord's Passion @ 3:00 pm

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HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 8th
Food Blessing @ 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil @ 8:45 pm

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**EASTER SUNDAY!**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Masses in Church ~  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

[www.smmwillowick.org](http://www.smmwillowick.org)

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## CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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Worship Service - Sundays at 11 am  
Gratitude/Testimony Meeting - Wed., 7 pm  
101 Daniels Drive (near Marc's)  
440-279-3096  
[www.chardonchristianscience.org](http://www.chardonchristianscience.org)

*Come Join Us!*

For daily inspiration:  
[www.christianscience.org/dailylift](http://www.christianscience.org/dailylift)



## EPISCOPAL



## Grace Episcopal Church

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<https://gracewilloughby.org>



Please join us to celebrate the glorious resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ

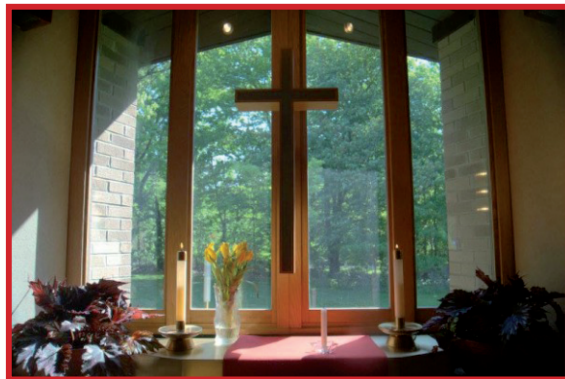
### *Holy Week and Easter Services:*

All services offered in person (masks optional), Good Friday and Easter Sunday services also online via Zoom and Facebook Live 

April 3-5 - Holy Week Contemplative services at 7 pm  
April 5 - Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm  
April 6 - Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm  
April 7 - Good Friday service at 7 pm  
April 9 - Easter Sunday service at 10 am

*May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy*

*Love God, Love Your Neighbor, Change the World™*



## The Church of the Good Shepherd – Episcopal

23599 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44122

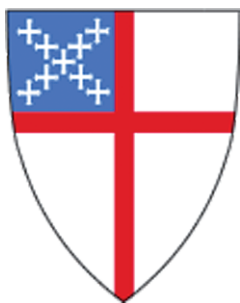
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● *Please join us:* ●

April 2: Palm Sunday Service 10:00 am  
April 6: Maundy Thursday Service 5:00 pm  
April 7: Good Friday Service 5:00 pm  
April 9: Easter Sunday Service 10:00 am

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EPISCOPAL

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(John 12:21) Sir, we wish to see Jesus.  
All Services Livestreamed on Facebook  
St. James Episcopal Church, Painesville  
Check website for links

4/2 Palm Sunday Service 8AM & 10:30AM  
4/6 Maundy Thursday Service 7PM  
4/7 Stations of the Cross 12 Noon  
4/7 Good Friday Service 7PM  
4/9 Easter Sunday – Vigil 7AM / Service 10:30AM



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[www.saintbartohio.org](http://www.saintbartohio.org)

**April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
Maundy Thursday Service

**April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
Good Friday Service

**April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
Easter Vigil

**April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am**  
Easter Sunday Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday**

April 6, 2023

**Agape Meal, Liturgy 6:30 pm**

**Prayer Vigil**

**8pm to 8am in-person or at-home**



**Good Friday**

April 7, 2023

**Online Stations of the  
Cross - Noon on facebook**

**Proper Liturgy  
7 pm**

**Easter Sunday**

April 9, 2023

**10:30am  
Festive Eucharist with  
Organ, Choir, and  
Celebration Band.  
Easter egg hunt  
following**

***All Welcome, No Exceptions. Come As You Are!***

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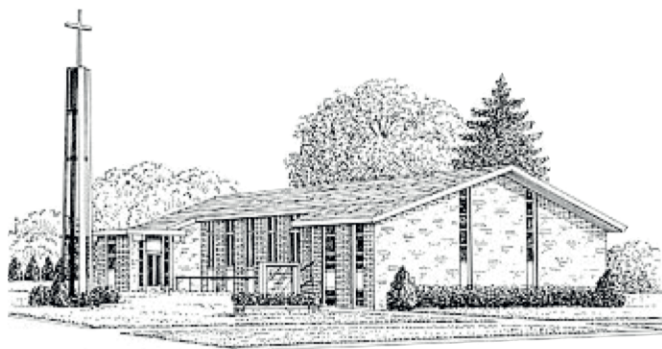
LUTHERAN



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Bethel Lutheran Church LCMS

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Reverend Donald P. Beaumont, Pastor  
www.bethelwillowick.org

Saturday Contemporary Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Traditional Worship..... 10:00 a.m.  
Christian Education Hour..... 8:30 a.m.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday ..... 11:00 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
Saturday Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Easter SONrise..... 6:30 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast Following SONrise Service ..... 7:30-9:00 a.m.  
Easter Celebration ..... 10:00 a.m.

Easter Celebration  
Sunday, April 9

Breakfast 9:00am  
Worship 10:30am

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LUTHERAN



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Rev. Steven Hackmann

### Every Sunday

*Educational Hour 9 AM*

*Worship 10 AM*

*Communion: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays*

### Holy Week Schedule

*Palm Sunday, April 2, 10 am*

*Maundy Thursday, April 6, 12 noon & 7 pm w/ Communion*

*Good Friday, April 7, 12 noon*

*Good Friday, Tenebrae Service, April 7, 7 pm*

*Easter Resurrection Sunday, April 9, 10 am*

*Please join us!*



## Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS

37728 Euclid Ave., Willoughby

440-942-7766

WEB: [trinitywilloughby.org](http://trinitywilloughby.org)

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School 9:30 AM • Worship 10:45 AM

Pastor: Rev. Adam L. Sorenson

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICE 7:00 PM (H/C)

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE 7:00 PM

EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICES 8:30 AM (H/C) and 10:45 AM (H/C)

EASTER BREAKFAST 9:30 AM





METHODIST

# Shoregate United Methodist Church

Everyone is WELCOME to come and celebrate Easter at Shoregate UMC!

## *Palm Sunday Service*

April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am

*with Communion*

## *Maundy Thursday Service*

April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

*with Communion*

## **Good Friday**

April 7<sup>th</sup>

Sanctuary Open 4:00-6:00pm

## Sunday Services at 10 a.m.

30500 Bayridge Blvd.,

Willowick, OH 44095

(440) 943-0382 office@shoregateumc.org

Pastor: Elgan Reynolds

## *Easter Sunday Service*

April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Music by the Chancel & Handbell Choirs



## Hope Ridge United Methodist Church

9870 Johnnycake Ridge Road Mentor, Ohio 44060

www.hoperidge.com

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 2, 8:45 AM and 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 PM

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 7, 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

10:30 AM Easter Service

*He is Risen!*



# EASTER SUNDAY

CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR



# Join us for Easter and Holy Week

in Person or Online

## Palm Sunday

April 2nd - 9 AM & 11 AM

Traditional & Modern Services

## Maundy Thursday

April 6th - 7:30 PM

## Good Friday Tenebrae

April 7th - 7:30 PM

## Easter Sunday

April 9th - 9 AM & 11 AM

Traditional & Modern Services



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**MENTOR**  
*United Methodist Church*

## Holy Week at Willoughby United Methodist Church

### Palm Sunday Service

- Sun. April 2, 11:00 AM
- Led by the children and youth

### Messy Church:

#### The Journey to the Cross

- Wed. April 5, 6-8:00 PM
- Dinner, activities
- A walk through the last days of Jesus' life

### Maundy Thursday Service

- Thur. April 6, 7:00 PM at  
North Mentor Centenary UMC

### Good Friday

Fri. April 7

### Willoughby Community Stations of the Cross

- Noon at the Willoughby Point Park Gazebo

### Tenebrae Service

- 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

### Easter Sunday

Sun. April 9

### North Mentor Centenary UMC

- Sunrise Service, 7:00 AM  
(outdoors, weather permitting)

### Willoughby UMC

- Continental Breakfast, 10:00 AM in  
Fellowship Hall
- Easter Service, 11:00 AM

*Willoughby*  
UNITED-METHODIST-CHURCH

All events at Willoughby UMC unless otherwise noted.

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

### Body of Christ Community

38057 Erie Rd, Willoughby, OH 44094

Safe Indoor Worship & Livestream on YouTube  
[bodyofchristcommunity.com](http://bodyofchristcommunity.com)

Palm Sunday Service – 10:00 AM

Holy Thursday – 7:00 PM

Good Friday – 7:00 PM

Easter Celebration – 10:00 AM

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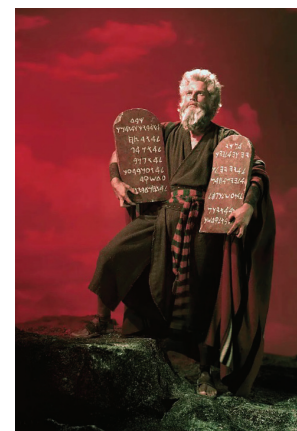
## 7 movies to watch this Easter season

Movie-goers may not associate Easter with Hollywood blockbusters. However, there's an entire cache of films that align well with Easter. When spending time with family and friends for the Easter holiday, consider these movies.

1. **"It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown!":** This 1974 classic puts The Peanuts' heartwarming spin on another holiday theme. The gang gets ready for Easter in the only ways they can — with lots of love and laughs.

2. **"The Prince of Egypt":** This 1998 animated film tells the tale of Moses and Pharaoh, and features the voices of Val Kilmer, Michelle Pfeiffer, Sandra Bullock, and Ralph Fiennes, among others.

3. **"Hop":** This combination of live action and animation tells the story of the Easter Bunny's teenage son "E.B.," who wants to move to L.A. to pursue his pas-



sion for music, rather than be next in line for the family business.

4. **"The Greatest Story Ever Told":** This 1965 epic tells the story of Jesus of Nazareth and follows His life from the nativity through to the crucifixion. At a whopping four hours and 20 minutes, it may be best to watch this in sessions, especially when watching with youngsters.

5. **"The Dog Who Saved Easter":** A cuddly canine makes it his business to save Easter when three criminals try to sabotage it in this 2014 film. Mario Lopez

voices the pup "Zeus" in this family-friendly flick.

6. **"The Ten Commandments":** Audiences continue to enjoy this beloved 1956 film starring Charlton Heston as Moses every Easter. With stunning special effects of the Burning Bush and parting of the Red Sea in the era before CGI, this story of faith wows audiences every time.

7. **"The Passion of the Christ":** Released in 2004 and directed by Mel Gibson, this movie chronicles the final twelve hours of Jesus' agony. The movie doesn't shy away from violence as it attempts to bring audiences closer to the suffering of Christ, which earned it an R rating. This is likely a film for adults only.

Easter presents a time when families can enjoy religious-themed movies that share stories of faith or fun flicks with positive messages.

PRESBYTERIAN

# First Presbyterian Church

Join us for Holy Week & Easter!

- **Palm Sunday - April 2**  
Contemporary Worship at 9:00 am  
Traditional Worship at 11:00 am
- **Maundy Thursday – April 6**  
Worship with Communion at 7:00 pm
- **Good Friday – April 7**  
Ecumenical Stations of the Cross  
in DTW Wes Point Park at Noon
- **Easter Sunday – April 9**  
Easter Message: “The Easter Analysis”  
Contemporary Worship at 9:00 am  
Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt – 10-11 am  
Traditional Worship at 11:00 am

Childcare available for infants & toddlers.

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CHURCH OF THE WESTERN RESERVE

PRESBYTERIAN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER AT CWR!

MAUNDY THURSDAY | 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY | 7PM

EASTER | 10:30AM

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## PRESBYTERIAN



**Mentor Presbyterian Church**  
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## Easter Sunday Worship

April 9 • 12:30 pm

## Rummage Sale

May 12-13 • 9 am - 5 pm

5885 Hopkins Rd  
Mentor, OH 44060

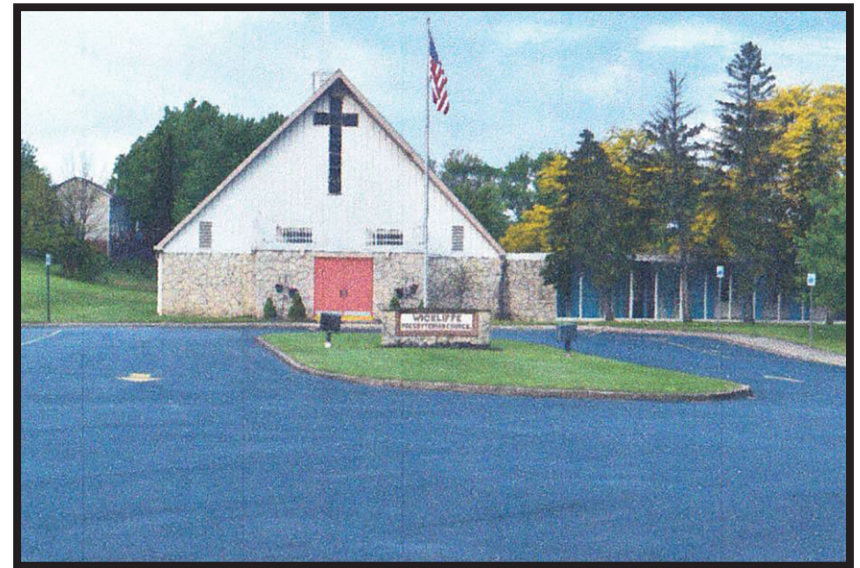
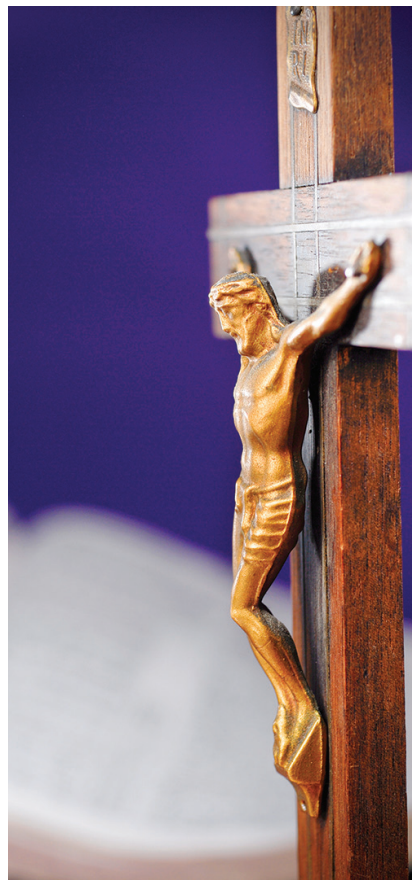
Rev. Dr. Sandy Seaton-Todd

## Why is Easter such an important Christian holiday?

Christians around the world fill church pews on Easter Sunday to participate in one of the most holy and important celebrations of the liturgical year. Although every Sunday presents opportunities to share in the word of God, Easter Sunday is an especially significant date on the Christian calendar.

Each Easter, Christians celebrate the miracle of Christ's defeat over death through his resurrection and ascension to his father's side in heaven. However awe-inspiring, Easter is much more than this event and its retelling. Easter actually is the core of the Christian religion as it has come to be known, including inspiring the rituals and teachings that have been shared for nearly 2,000 years. Without the events that unfolded during Holy Week, the Christian faith would not exist as it was

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# WICKLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Website - [www.wickliffepresbyterian.org](http://www.wickliffepresbyterian.org)

Lay-Pastor - Elder Wayne DeMarco

April 2 - **Palm Sunday - "EXALTED" Dramatic Easter Cantata by Gregg Sewell 10:00 A.M. Service**

**Exalted!** Is a sensitive, beautifully expressive and uplifting reminder of the events of Holy Week and Easter. Performed by Wickliffe Presbyterian Church Choir, Directed by Elena Loskova, narrative by Christopher Arnwine.

April 6 - **Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 P.M.**

April 9 - **Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 A.M.**

**Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall 8:15 A.M.**

**(Note: if you plan to attend the Brunch you must notify the church no later than April 3, including the number attending)**

April 9 - **Easter Worship Service 10:00 A.M.**

**All are Welcome!!!**

# Stories of the Resurrection as told in the Gospels

Easter is a holy day on the Christian calendar that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus is described in the Gospels of the New Testament, which millions of Christians read every year, especially during the Lenten season, which is a 40-day period that directly precedes Easter Sunday.

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John comprise the canonical Gospels. Each book can help Christians understand and connect with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The following are passages from each of the canonical Gospels that help to tell the story of the resurrection of Jesus.

## **Matthew 28: 1-10**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

## **Mark 16: 2-7**

And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.



And they said among themselves, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?" And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, "Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

## **Luke 24: 1-12**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna

and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

## **John 20: 1-10**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.



## The significance of various symbols of Easter

Easter Sunday is a day when Christians across the globe celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Data from the Pew Research Center indicates there are approximately 2.4 billion Christians across the globe, which accounts for nearly one-third of the global population. Though certain Christians groups do not celebrate Easter, many consider it the holiest day of the year. Given that significance, it's no surprise Easter is steeped in symbolism. The following are some of the many symbols of Easter and what they represent to faithful Christians across the globe.

### **EGGS**

Eggs might now be more instantly associated with Easter egg hunts for children, but the American Bible Society notes that eggs are symbolic of more than just fun for kids. Eggs represent the new life that's symbolic of spring, which is when Easter occurs in the northern hemisphere. Christians view eggs as a reminder of the resurrection of Jesus. Interestingly, though colored eggs are often seen as a fun Easter activity for kids, the ABS notes that the tradition dates back to the early days of Christianity, when red-colored eggs were used to represent the resurrection.

### **CRUCIFIX**

The crucifix, which is a distinct representation of a cross with Jesus Christ on it, is symbolic of the crucifixion and subsequent resurrection of Jesus. The ABS notes that the resurrection of

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### Old South United Church of Christ

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#### An Open and Affirming Congregation

**Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10AM**

**Good Friday, April 7th, 9AM - 3PM**  
Sanctuary open for silent prayer.

**Easter Worship, April 9th, 10AM**

**Open House, Saturday April 15th,**  
Noon - 3PM

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you will find an extravagant welcome at Old South. No exceptions.*

*Our facility is accessible for all.*

*Child care is provided during services and all scheduled events, including choir practice Thursday evening.*

*Rehearsals are held every Thursday, September - May, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The week of April 9th the rehearsal will be during the Open House on April 15th.*



#### EASTER SYMBOLS FROM PAGE 14

Jesus symbolizes his victory over the power of sin and death.

##### THE LAMB

Jesus is referred to in the Bible as the “Lamb of God” (Revelation 5:6-14), so the lamb is another important Easter symbol for Christians. In addition, in John (1:29), Jesus is referred to by John the Baptist as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

##### EASTER BUNNY

Another symbol, like Easter eggs, that people could be forgiven for mistaking as purely secular, the Easter Bunny is not entirely separate from the spiritual meaning of the holiday. As noted, Easter, even though it's a moveable feast, takes place in spring in the northern hemisphere each year. Spring is symbolic of rebirth, and the hare was a symbol of fertility among the ancient pagans. The spirit of rebirth associated with rabbits, particularly in spring, also is reminiscent of the resurrection of Jesus from his tomb. Easter is celebrated across the globe. Those celebrations feature many significant religious symbols that have withstood the test of time.

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prophesied. Christ's selfless sacrifice on the cross for others' sins, as well as his miraculous resurrection, are the anchors upon which all of Christianity has been built.

In 1 Corinthians 15:17, St. Paul wrote, “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.” Pope Benedict XVI similarly summarized St. Paul's words, indicating that if the resurrection were taken away, it may be possible to piece together ideas about God and men, but the Christian faith would be “dead.” In his book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict further wrote, “Jesus would be a failed religious leader... he would then remain purely human, and his authority would extend only so far as his message is of interest to us.”

According to Christianity.com, Easter is part of the redemptive plan of mankind. It is worthy of celebration because it proved to people that Jesus is the Son of God. This gives Christians confidence that there is life after death, and they will have the same power working in them that raised Jesus from the dead.

Out of Holy Week and Easter also came the start of Christian masses. On Holy Thursday, Jesus introduced his disciples to the bread that they ate at the Last Supper as “his body” and the wine as “his blood.”



This would serve as the basis for the Christian celebration of Holy Communion, which remains a vital component of the faith and religious services.

Easter is a significant date on the Christian calendar that inspires Christians across the globe to celebrate their faith.

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