

# Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31st | 7:00 a.m.



**St. John's Christian Church**

700 South Defiance Street

Archbold, Ohio 43502



# † Alleluia! He is Risen! †

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Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Risen Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



## **Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations**



We welcome and enjoy the blessed sound of children in our Easter worship, but we understand young children may get the jitters! While it will not be staffed for our sunrise service, parents of young children are still more than welcome to use the Nursery at any point this morning. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!

**Children's Busy Bags** are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

## **Give & Take Board**

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

**Large Print Bulletins** are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Let's Connect!



## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." Matthew 28:5-6*

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

The Easter Prelude - Raegan Rutledge

"Because He Lives"

*Draping the Cross in Celebration of the Easter Resurrection*

Welcome & Announcements

Easter Morning News Report

"The Good News"

Anchor – Joshua Reeb

Soldier 1 – Jay Riley

Reporter – Molly Rutledge

Soldier 2 – Bryce Vandenberghe

Jewish Leader 1 – Blake Grime

Mary Magdalene – Leah Nafziger

Jewish Leader 2 – Michael Funnell

†Easter Hymns

#217, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#216, "Christ Arose"

Opening Scripture

John 20:1-18 (pg. 1074)

†Call to Worship

*L: After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.*

**P: There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.**

*L: His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.*

**P: The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified."**

*L: He is not here; He is risen, just as He said."*

**P: He is not here; He is risen! Alleluia!**

†Song of Praise

#213, "Because He Lives"

†Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:10-20 (pg. 67)

Special Music

Molly & Raegan Rutledge

"Were You There?"

Easter Message

"Not What You Expect"

†Closing Song

"Every Morning is Easter Morning" (Insert)

†Breakfast Prayer & Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

Chorus, "Every Morning is Easter Morning"

†Exit Offering

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**John 20:1-18** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes, <sup>11</sup> but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Fa-

ther and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Exodus 14:10-20** As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" <sup>13</sup> Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. <sup>16</sup> Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen." <sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

# EASTER FLOWERS

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## GIVEN BY:

Connie Nicolen ..... Children & Grandchildren  
Gary & Judy Salisbury ..... Children  
Ken & Cathy Laub ..... The home we've found at SJCC  
Jon & Jan Lindsay ..... Family  
Paula Summa ..... My new church home & family

## IN HONOR OF:

## GIVEN BY:

Betsy Redd ..... Jim Redd  
Allie Walker ..... Ali Held Herman  
Buffy Riley ..... Parents, Merle & Donna Wyse  
Sue Steiner ..... Loved Ones  
Carson & Will Baden ..... Grandma Beth  
Gloria Lauber ..... Graeme Lauber  
Rod Kinsman Family ..... Loved Ones  
Mary Ellen Johnson ..... Loved Ones  
Lenny & Jean Stamm ..... Loved Ones  
James Grime ..... Loved Ones  
Dale & Ann Grime ..... Loved Ones  
Audrey Burkholder ..... Scott Burkholder  
The Walker Cousins ..... Grandpa & Grandma Mike  
Doug & Nancy Rupp ..... Loved Ones  
Lynne & Erich Christman ..... Parents  
Greg & Kim Walker ..... Parents  
Todd & Jill Nafziger ..... Father, James Schmucker  
Richard Spiess ..... Loved Ones  
Shawn & Jenna Stuckey ..... Grandma  
John & Jan Lindsay ..... Jan's Parents & Grandparents  
The Rutledge Family ..... Loved Ones, Parents & Grandparents  
The Wooley Family ..... Grandparents & Great-Grandparents  
Dave & Karen Walker ..... Joyce Warner  
Dave & Karen Walker Family ..... Mom/Grandma Phyllis Miller  
Brad & Susie Enderle ..... Parents  
Corey & Jocelyn Walker ..... Loved Ones  
Suzette Nafziger & Tara Meyer ..... Tamara Shumaker

## IN MEMORY OF:



*Flowers are labeled and may be picked up from the base of the cross following 10:30 a.m. service.*

## EASTER BREAKFAST AND CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT

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Join us in the Parish Hall following this morning's service of worship for a joyous Easter breakfast provided by members of our senior high school programs. At 8:45AM, younger children are invited to gather in the Chapel to "find Jesus" during the annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by St. John's JYF. Children will be sent on to their separate locations based on age.

## SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVANTS

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This morning's service is led by members of our senior high school programs, with the help of adult leaders within the church. Thank you to our senior high schoolers for their time in preparing our Easter celebrations this morning!

Pianists - Raegan Rutledge & Buffy Riley

Guitar - Lynne Christman

Song Leaders - Molly Rutledge & Andrew Rohrs

Trumpet - Andrew Rohrs

Lay Readers - Jay Riley & Avery Roth

Children's Message - Blake Grime

Acolyte - Blake Grime

Morning Message - Joshua Reeb

EW Tech - Jenna Stuckey

Sound Tech - James Grime

Draping of the Cross - Jay Riley & Cam Yoder

Bulletin Cover Artwork - Emma Krukowski

Worship Assistants - Leah Nafziger, Courtney Stuckey, Ella Yoder

Ushers - Emma Krukowski, Avery Roth, Evy Roth, Courtney Stuckey

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Mighty Lord God, Alleluia! The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is alive, just as he said he would be. Alive today! Not just an historical record, but Jesus is with us now, our Lord's love and forgiveness reigns! I praise you, God, for the miracle of resurrection, for the hope Christ offers to all who believe. Thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for your mercy and grace and counsel. I pray for your strength to fill me; that I would be more faithful in my devotion and honoring of Jesus Christ, my Lord. In his name, Amen.

## SPECIAL INVITATION - NORMA FISH COFFEE & CAKE RECEPTION

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The family of Norma Fish would like to invite everyone in our church family to a Coffee and Cake reception next Sunday, April 7th after 10:30AM worship to celebrate Norma's 90th birthday. Reception will be held in the Parish Hall. The family has requested no gifts and cards are not expected - simply come and fellowship with Norma to celebrate her special day!

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, NORMA! *(Birthday on Apr. 7th)*

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Mar 31 He Is Risen! ----- Luke 24:1-12  
Apr 1 Sharing Your Faith-- ----- Luke 24:13-35  
Apr 2 Peace & Joy----- Luke 24:36-53  
Apr 3 Changing Focus ----- James 1:1-11  
Apr 4 Entangled in a Spiderweb ----- James 1:12-18  
Apr 5 The Implanted Word ----- James 1:19-27  
Apr 6 No Favoritism ----- James 2:1-13

## WEEK OF MARCH 31ST AT ST. JOHN'S

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Sun	7:00AM	Easter Sunrise Service - Led by SYF (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Easter Breakfast - Hosted by Senior High School Programs (Parish Hall)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	8:45AM	Children's Easter Egg Hunt - Hosted by JYF
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Easter Sunday Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Zion Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	Youth Gathering with Youth & Young Adult Candidate (Chapel)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:30AM	Coffee & Cake Reception for Norma Fish's 90th Birthday (Parish Hall)





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Candidate for Director of Youth & Young Adults - Special Congregational Meeting**

As initially shared in worship on March 24th, the Search Committee is excited to announce their recommendation of Jocelyn Walker for this pastoral staff position. After approving this recommendation, the Consistory has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, April 21st for the purpose of acting upon the calling of Jocelyn to this position.

Jocelyn was presented to the Search Committee by The Shephard Staff (TSS), which conducted a lengthy and thorough nationwide search. TSS conducted several interviews with Jocelyn and provided the committee with professional support during this time. Jocelyn has provided an extensive plan for the vision she has for this position and our youth and young adults that aligns with the faith, values, and hopes of the congregation.

Instead of providing a trial sermon on April 21st, as preaching is not a key component of this position, Jocelyn will be presenting a program with sixth through twelfth grade youth, youth leaders, and Life Planning Mentors on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00PM. This will give both the youth and Jocelyn a chance to get to know one another some more.

A congregational meeting will be called to order following the 8:00AM service on April 21st, and after votes are cast, the meeting will be recessed. Following the 10:30AM service, the meeting will be re-convened, with a Zoom option offered (meeting login to be shared via email).

An informational packet for the meeting should be ready by April 7th. Please continue to be in prayer for Jocelyn and our congregation that we remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we seek the Lord's will together.

### **Baseball Faith & Family Night with the Mud Hens**

We are extending the ticket deadline for the Mud Hens game sign up to May 5th! Join us on Sunday, June 30th for Faith & Family Night with the Toledo Mud Hens! There will be events for all ages before and after the 4:05PM game. Our group tickets gain admission to a faith-based event in the ballpark prior to the game. Additionally, there will be an inflatable park in Hensville before the game and a base run for the kids after the game is over. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

### **Women's Retreat**

Spend a weekend growing in your walk with Jesus alongside friends and worshiping with other women from throughout the Midwest! The retreat will take place at Miracle Camp the weekend of April 12th-14th. Register online at [www.miraclecamp.com/womensretreat/](http://www.miraclecamp.com/womensretreat/). Questions? Contact Carrie Wooley at [cwpink@hotmail.com](mailto:cwpink@hotmail.com).



# VBS registration is open!

# SUBA

diving into friendship with God

June  
2nd - 6th

Volunteers Needed!  
Sign up at the VBS  
bulletin board  
across from the  
Preschool Room.

All children in Pre-K (must  
be 4-years-old) through  
sixth grade are invited to  
attend our fin-tastic week  
of VBS! Register at  
[www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org)

Scan to register



# 126 Every Morning Is Easter Morning

*Unison*

Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing from now on!

Ev-'ry day's re-sur-rec-tion day, the past is o-ver and gone!

1 Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good rid-dance! Hel-lo, Lord, hel-lo, sun!  
 2 Dai-ly news is so bad it seems the Good News sel-dom gets heard.  
 3 Yes-ter-day I was bored and lone-ly; but to-day look and see!

*D.C.*

I am one of the Eas-ter Peo-ple! My new life has be-gun!  
 Get it straight from the Eas-ter Peo-ple! God's in charge spread the word!  
 I be-long to the Eas-ter Peo-ple! Life's ex-cit-ing to me!(to Coda)

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CODA

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## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Betsy Redd, who was hospitalized for a few days due to blood clot issues.
- ◆ Linda Rutledge, who is thankful for successful gall bladder removal surgery.
- ◆ Curt & Kay Stamm, as Curt's sister, Donna Thompson died on March 23.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben returned home on the 13th, with further therapy to come.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Regina Beck, who developed an infection and remains hospitalized at UTMC.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace, and family, as they are dealing with health issues.
- ◆ The Islands – Tom & Megan – asking for people to pray for their month of fasting and prayer, which began on March 11th, strategically praying for a disciple making movement.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

## GIDEON CARD MINISTRY

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As a way of encouraging, caring and supporting people, there are Gideon cards available in the sanctuary narthex. Card themes include: Thinking of you...Praying for You...Sympathy...In Recognition. Each card enables the sender to donate towards Gideon Bible distributions, too. As the Gideon's say, Give a Card, Send the Word, Change a Life!

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