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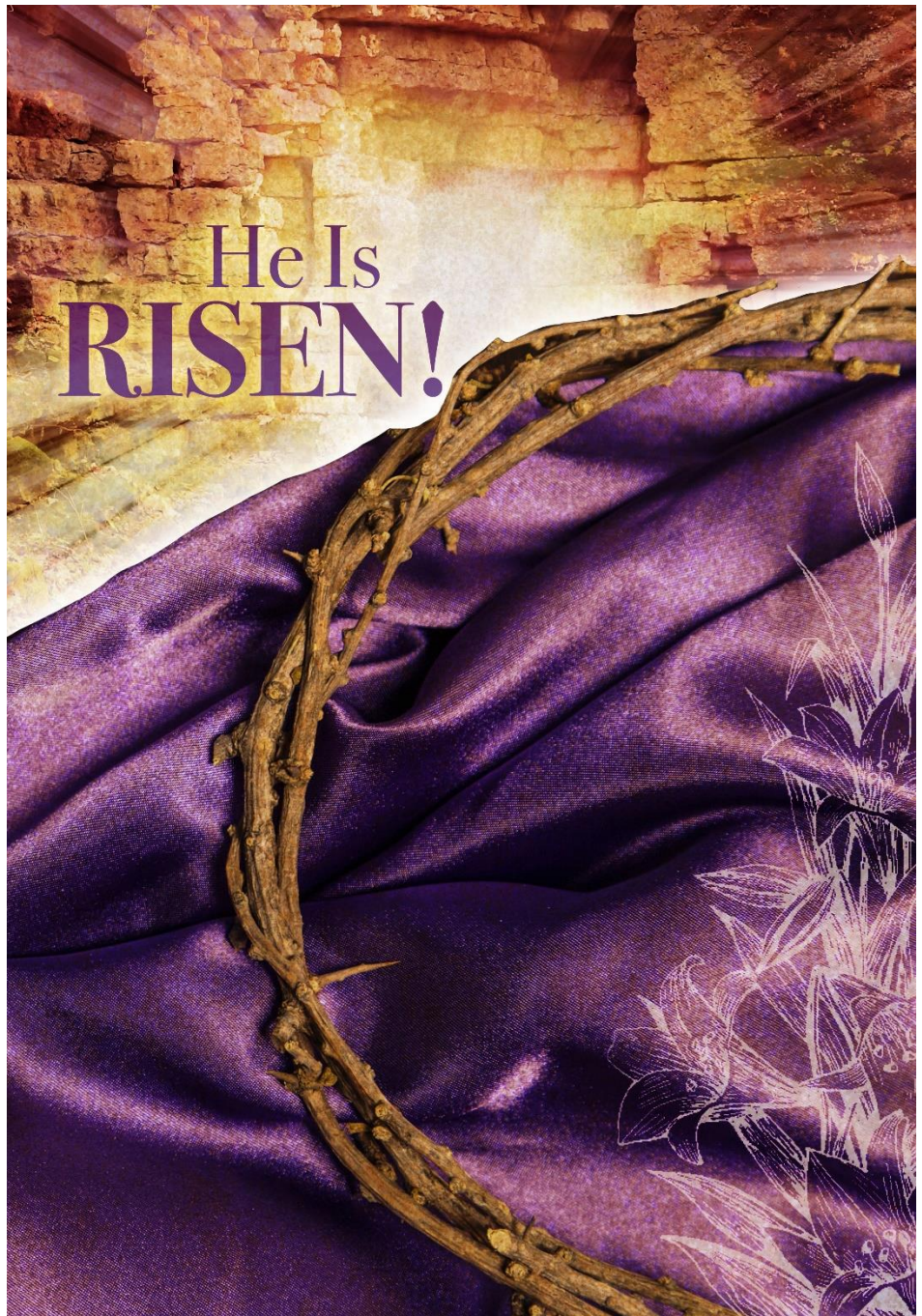
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*Rooted in the Evangelical and
Reformed Traditions*

*We are Sowing Seeds of Hope in a
Time of Chaos*

So We May All Be One



March 31, 2024

Outdoor Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Sanctuary Services

7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Announcements & Greeting

Prelude

“He Lives” Traditional

Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

No. 216

Matthew Kroah - Trumpet

(7 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- 2) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
- 4) Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty.

All: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

All: The one you are looking for has overcome death.

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

All: The one you are looking for is alive!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior!

***Please stand if you are able**

All: “Christ is risen!”
“He is risen indeed!”

****The Lord's Prayer - Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.***

No. 35

Vocal Solo (11:00 a.m.) “Because He Lives” Gaither Julie Davis

Pastoral Prayer

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

No. 306

Choir Anthem (11:00 a.m.) “Early in the Morning On Easter Day” Larson

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Scripture Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker

1) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.

**Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above,
There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood,
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”**

2) Alleluia! Not as orphans we are left in sorrow now.

**Alleluia! Christ is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget the promise, “I am with you evermore”?**

3) Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and stay.

**Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

Communion

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn’t cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. In silence, we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: God is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives, for it is given to you through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Almighty God, through Son the Christ Jesus, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation for Generosity and Faithful Giving

***Doxology**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

No. 215

Matthew Kroah - Trumpet

(7 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

- 1) Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with un-moistened foot through the Red Sea Waters.**
- 2) 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three day's sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and bleak, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.**
- 3) Now the brightest season dawns with the day of splendor,
now the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.**

***Benediction**

Pastor: The tomb is empty so your life can be full. Go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God. Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed.

Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you. Alleluia and Amen!

***Please join us in the singing of the Congregational Benediction**

Go Now In Peace/Never be afraid/God will go with you/Each hour of ev'ry Day/Go now in Faith/Steadfast, strong and true/Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in Love/And show you believe/Reach out to others/So all the world can see/God will be there/Watching from above/Go now in Peace/In Faith and in Love. Amen/Amen/Amen. *CCL#2548454*

Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful” Beethoven

Todd Baldosser

Lectionary Readings for March 31 through April 6

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:2-3, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

To our dear friends and visitors:

You are an important part of the worship and ministry that goes on here and we are thankful for your presence. Please sign the attendance pads on the tables.
Thank you!

Welcome

We welcome Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker to our church.
Rev. Walker will be bringing us the message
at both of our services today!

The Youth of St. John's presents



Easter Breakfast

Sunday March 31

Serving 7:30am – 10:30am



Afternoon Circle -

will meet on Wednesday, April 3, at 1:00 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room. After having chosen our Easter outfits, our program will be "7 Things a Christian Woman Should Always Wear". Our Bite-Size Bible Study will be "The Marys". Our Hostess for the day will be Charlotte Kinser.

All women of our St. John's Church Family are invited to attend.

Thank you for sharing your



In memory of R. William and Dorothy Jackson by the O'Brien and
French families

In memory of Joann & Ron Claypool by the family

In memory of Martti & Elli Saari by the Chirdon family

In loving memory of our loved ones by Frank & Vicky Davis

In memory of Mary Jo & Christine Kochendorfer by Carl Kochendorfer

In loving memory of parents, grandparents, great grandparents,
Sue and Ernie Vannest by Marla, Greg, Alan, Akela, Leelee, Tim,

Christie, Emmaleigh, Remington, Rebekkah, Harley, & Kimber

In loving memory of Dad, grandpa, great grandpa, Richard Crowthers by
Greg, Marla, Alan, Akela, Leelee, Tim, Christie, Emmaleigh, Remington,
Rebekkah, Harley, & Kimber

In loving memory of Walter, Mary and Dorothy Ann Zerger
by Marla, Greg, and family

In memory of Richard & Marie Conner

In memory of Oshell, Den, Mike, & Mis Hill by Betty Hill & family

In memory of Kenneth & Naomi Ford by their Family

In memory of Clara & William Crawford, William D. Whiting,
& William R. Whiting by the Moeller family

In Loving memory of Bob Kroah by the Kroah family



Our Lily Cross is
In the memory of Sue Vannest
2-16-1939 - 11-29-1999



Easter Memorials

In memory of Richard & Marie Conner

Praise for the Resurrection and for the life of Nathaniel James Gard from his
family

In memory of LCPL Kenneth Ford, Jr by their family

In loving memory of parents, grandparents, great grandparents,

Sue & Ernie Vannest by Marla, Greg, Alan, Akela, Emilee, Tim, Christie,

Emmaleigh, Remington, Rebekkah, Harley & Kimber

In loving memory of grandparents, Henry & Myrtle Vogelmeier

by Marla, Greg & family

In loving memory of Uncle Walter, Aunt Mary & Dorothy Ann Zerger

by Marla, Greg & family

In loving memory of Donna Hewitt by Marla, Greg & family

In loving memory of dad, grandpa, great grandpa Richard Crowthers

by Greg, Marla, Alan, Akela, Emilee, Tim, Christie, Emmaleigh, Remington,

Rebekkah, Harley, & Kimber

In loving memory of grandparents, Curtis C. Vannest, Alice Gerry Francis,

Thelma Vannest, Cleone Selders, Aunt Judy Parks by Marla & Greg

In loving memory of Fern & Verl Boyd and Richard Boyd by Dorothy Turdo

& family

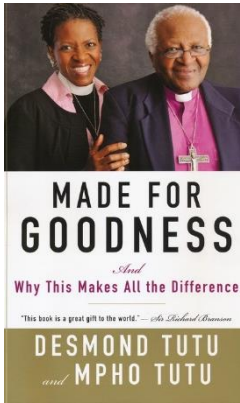
To the glory of God and in memory of Bob Shoemaker by Jane Shoemaker

In memory of our parents by Terry & Marcia Gano

In memory of Lanny Farley by Pat Farley

In memory of Pamela Johnson by Pat Farley





You are welcome to attend the book study group as we renew our meetings in April. We will meet on Thursdays April 4, 11, 18, and 25 at the River Road Coffee House on North Park Place in downtown Newark at 11 a.m. The book we will be discussing is “Made for Goodness” by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu. Archbishop Tutu was instrumental in the fight to rid South Africa of apartheid and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. The book is available in paperback and online.

Youth Sunday



April 7, 2024
at 8AM and 11AM

Join us



Let's come together and pray for our church and our new pastor, whoever that maybe. This will be silent and self-led prayer time. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Pray for few minutes or longer.

Following the 8AM service and again before the 11AM service.

St. John's Little Free Pantry

It's *EASY* to *DONATE*

Walk or pull your car up to the pantry and place your donation inside.
ANYTIME, at your convenience.

The Little Free pantry is for everyone. Anyone can donate what they have to give
and anyone can take what they need.



THANK YOU for keeping our Little Free Pantry filled.

Quiet Prayer Time



**The St. John's Memorial Chapel
will now be open for quiet prayer time.
Sunday Mornings anytime between
7:30AM to 8:00AM & 9AM to 11am.**



General Prayers:

Barbara McKee & Judy
Goodman

Homebound and Nursing Facility

Residents: Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Harriett Applegate, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Charles & Lois Meyers, Irmgard Rhodes, Molly Sheets & Lois Swonger.



Additional prayer requests on Bea's Blessings:

The Turban Project & Newborns In Need Program – looking for a new home
Tracy Chapin - for Grace and Mercy –her cancer has returned
Samantha Swartz – Health Concerns

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

Julie Davis

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Jeff Conner,

Larry Jones, Terry Gano,

Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Bible Discovery Zone:

Julie Kroah/Emma Crowthers

Media Worship Team:

Sound:

8:00 am: Mike Dooley

Sound & Video:

11:00 am: Ken Kroah/Ken Kroah

Live streaming is now available on Facebook. If you missed the Live stream, you can watch a replay anytime on our YouTube or Facebook pages. Links for both of these sites can be found on our church website at www.stjohnsnewark.org

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday- 9 am -12 pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make any additional appointments or call/text Anita 740-973-8218. Thank you!



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Easter Sunday

7:00 am Outdoor Sunrise Service
7:30-10:30 am Easter Breakfast
11:00 am Sanctuary Service- Choir sings
11:00 am Bible Discover Zone

Wednesday:

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle Meeting
6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus Practice

Thursday:

11:00 am Book Study Group at River Road Coffee on the square.
7:00 pm Thursday Prayer Service live streamed on St. John's Facebook page and uploaded on You Tube. The link is available on our church website stjohnsnewark.org

Saturday:

6:00 pm Youth Overnight

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8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
11:00 am Sanctuary Service
11:00 am Bible Discover Zone

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$	4 840.42
Income as of March 24, 2024		<u>5,769.00</u>
Month to Date Balance		928.58
Boiler Cost	\$	99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$	26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	-	<u>8,868.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$	17,785.99

ATTENDANCE

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March 24, 2024

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