



East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

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Awaiting Easter

May the peace of God be with you all.

As the cold winter passes and the warmth of spring draws near, our hearts also begin to warm. April is a season when life awakens. Small forms of life, hidden beneath the ground, courageously rise to the surface, each proudly displaying its unique beauty and light.

A few days ago, the wind blew so fiercely that the swing hanging from our tree was swept up onto the branches. In that moment, I realized just how powerful the wind could be. We cannot perfectly predict or control nature as we wish. Standing before nature's grandeur and mystery, we come to recognize God's greatness. This world is under God's care and control, and as His children, our role is simply to trust Him as we live each day.

During Lent, each of us is encouraged to reflect deeply upon our inner selves. Walking alongside Jesus on His path to the cross, we meditate upon His sorrow and suffering. Although Jesus, in human form, could neither fully predict nor control the suffering He faced, He fully trusted in God the Father. He must have deeply longed for the pain to end swiftly, yet He knew the glory of resurrection would surely follow.

Just as warmth follows bone-chilling cold, calm follows fierce storms, and healing follows times of pain and suffering, we learn gratitude through the joys that emerge after our trials.

The resurrection following Jesus' death is the same. If we spend this Lenten season meaningfully, our Easter will overflow with even greater joy and gratitude.

Throughout this month of April, let us live as Christ's disciples—comforting neighbors who are in pain or sorrow and shining His light into darkness. I earnestly pray that the grace of our Lord Jesus, who died and rose again for us, may overflow abundantly in your lives.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Jongmin



Happy Easter!

I saw something like this and wanted to share with you ...

If an egg is broken by
an outside force, life ends.
If the egg is broken by an
inside force, life begins.

*Great things always begin
from the inside!*



As Jesus broke out of the bonds of death to conquer the grave, let Him break through your shell to end a sin-filled life and allow Him to fill you instead with the love and the joy of the resurrection!

Celebrating the living Christ with you Timothy



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

I wanted to talk about the upcoming Easter Cantata I put together, “What Kind of Man.” A song by that title (which I plan on doing as the last song) is a great song I heard years ago that asks the question in the form of what kind of Man would do what Jesus did (in regards to what Barabbas, Thomas, Peter, and by extension all of us have done). I have desired to do the song here at some point since it was released in 2019, but Covid shutdowns and legalities of streaming (among other things) prevented me from doing so. I decided this is the year to do it. So, the cantata has been built around that thought and theme much like I did “God Saw a Cross” a few years ago (though admittedly it is easier to find songs about the cross <grin>). But, that song and “What Kind of Man” referred to above are both such great songs at personalizing what the cross means to us in spite of what we have done, and our unworthiness.

While compiling the songs, I remembered one I love from one of our cantata books, that opens up with the words “Who Is This King?” which I felt fit nicely. I also came across a song called “What Kind of Man Is This?” in a cantata done here in the seventies / or early eighties. I plan on Pastor Jongmin singing the solo and the choir singing background vocals. I came across another song, “Who Is This Man?” that would have been nice, but I failed to get permission to use it from one of the two writers. One was fine, but the other simply would not respond. So, I have to pass on that one too as there is no sheet music for it, and I can’t legally make any.

I wanted songs that would answer the questions above (though the question ones do to an extent too) as obviously, it should not just ask the question, but answer it directly. So, there were two other songs in the same cantata book (that I got one of my Easters here) besides the one asking “Who Is This King” that I had chosen. So, I added them.

Another song was one a friend (a former Deejay) introduced me to when I told him what I was doing. It is by a regional group that I had not even heard of. It too is called “What Kind of Man?” and I planned on it being the opening song. I talked with a member of the group who sang it, whose relatives had written it, on December 22nd after I got home, He said he would call my cell on December 23rd to discuss it. After not hearing from him, I reached out again on January 8th, and he never responded to my message on Messenger. So, I figured that was that. Due to copyright restrictions I was unable to notate it on paper (it is unavailable in print), and there is no track available other than what they used on their recording. I was willing to play if they wouldn’t provide their track, but it is against the law to even reproduce the lyrics, let alone me arrange and print sheet music for the choir to sing from. So, I decided it would be a good song for Kathy (in a lower key than they did) to learn from the recording, and me play from. That part fits within the parameters of what I am allowed legally to do even without their permission.

The same friend mentioned above shared a version of a song I had heard (“Who Am I?”) that I really loved. His intention was not for the cantata at all, just sharing a YouTube video he had discovered years ago from an audience recorded cassette that was digitized. I loved the version so much, and knowing that “Who Is This Man?” was off limits, and I needed something I could legally stream. decided to have the choir do a similar version to that, and me play it for them. While, it asks a different question (about who we are, rather than who He is) it is asking “Who Am I?” that Jesus would do what He did for us, so it fits the cantata and Easter theme well. My sister plans on doing the offertory which will be before the cantata.

Unfortunately, due to copyright laws (sometimes for different reasons), most of these songs will be unable to be streamed on our YouTube channel. I hate that. I try to keep the folks watching offsite in mind, but what I am legally allowed to stream really limits what we can do. Live is not a problem within certain parameters.

The choir has worked hard rehearsing these songs, and I pray they are a blessing. I hope we will see you in person, and really as good as at home can be, it simply cannot match in person. It will be at a special time of 10:30 a.m. due to it being White Creeks UMC’s turn to have Pastor Jongmin for Sunrise service.

HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL
Troop 549



March 7th-9th

The troop traveled to Madison, Wi. To attend Canoecopia. This is a paddle sports trade show. They have all kinds of canoes, paddleboards and water sports equipment. There are outfitters that provide trips for all over the Midwest. They also had seminars where people gave talks on all types of subjects like, meal planning, dehydrating foods, water navigation, Camping tips, Canoe basics, stories and music. The boys enjoyed the music the best. We all had a great time and they said they definitely want to attend next year.

April 5th

Columbus Amateur Radio Club is having their annual Hamfest. They will be providing amateur radio testing for people wanting to get their amateur radio license. The troop will be providing breakfast and sodas as a fundraiser. The event is being held in Columbus North High School cafeteria from 8am to 12 pm.

April 11th -13th

This weekend is our Order of the Arrow Sectional Conclave. This will be held at Maumee Scout Reservation. The Sectional Conclave is rotated throughout the Midwest scout camps. It only comes to Indiana every 6 years. It should be a fun event for Tucker and I.

April 25th-27th

The troop is going to Maumee Scout Reservation for a back country campout. We will be back packing in and picking a campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights. We will be using compasses and maps to navigate the camp. This will be in preparation for a hiking and mountain bike trail that follows the perimeter of the camp.

If you know any boys that are interested in scouting, the door is always open for their visit on our scout nights. Please feel free to pass my contact information to anyone interested in visiting or joining our troop. Boys ages need to be 11 years old to join and less than 18. Meeting time Thursday is at 6:30 – 8:00 at the Youth Center.

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News

 From the Mail Box...

Here's what's
happening!

Bible Reading Marathon & National Day of Prayer Service

The Bible will be read from the steps of City Hall 24 hours a day for 4 days. An Opening ceremony will begin on Sunday, April 27 at 2 pm. The opening ceremony will include a few words from local pastors and a musical worship time.

We are looking for people to read (12 minute time slot) from 12pm to 3pm on Tuesday, April 29. A sign up sheet is located on the table in the Information Area or contact Angie in the church office to sign up.



National Day of Prayer Service is May 1, 6:30 pm at North Christian Church.

Easter is Eternal

truth

If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again. Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow...but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

Donald H. Tippet

Grace's Table Free Meal, Sunday, April 13 at 5pm in the Youth Center.

Weekly Prayer Hour, 10am in the Sanctuary. Every Tuesday a prayer time is held from 10am to 11am for anyone to come and lift up their personal prayers. Come and pray for a few minutes or the whole hour. Please enter through the Elevator Door.



April 13—Palm Sunday

Triumphant Entry

April 17—Maundy Thursday

The Last Supper

April 18—Good Friday

The Crucifixion

6pm— Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday

Jesus is Risen

8:30am-Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:30am-Sunday School

10:30am-Easter Service



April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am Prayer Hour	2 6pm-Choir	3 6pm-Cantata Pret	4	5
6 Communion 9am Worship 10:10 - Sunday School	7	8 10am Prayer Hour	9 6pm-Choir	10 6pm-Cantata Pret 6:30pm-Scouts	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9am Worship 10:10 - Sunday School 5pm-Grace's Table	14	15 10am Prayer Hour	16 6pm- Choir	17 Maundy Thursday 6:30pm-Scouts	18 GOOD FRIDAY 6pm-Good Friday Service OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 EASTER 8:30-Breakfast 9:30-Sunday School 10:30-Worship	21	22 10am Prayer Hour	23 6pm-Choir	24 6:30pm- Scouts	25	26
27 9am - Worship 10:10 - Sunday School	28	29 10am Prayer Hour	30 6pm-Choir			



Apr. 2..Donita Barringer
Sharon Brown
Sharon Elkins
Apr. 11..Barry Turnbow
Apr. 12..Jim Kamp
Apr. 18..Glenda Henry
Apr. 20..Esther Kim-Lee

Apr. 22..Mary Alice Lanham
Collis Mayfield
Apr. 27..Joel Mattern
Apr. 29..Carolyn Harris
Pastor Jongmin Lee



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Return Service Requested

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9:00 am - Worship Service
10:10am - Sunday School

OUR CHURCH MISSION

**Growing the Family of God by Making
Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.**