

Christ the Lord is Risen! He has Risen Indeed!!

Sunday, March 24, 2024

10am Worship

PRELUDE *Rondo in G – Richard Elsasser* Mark Tryon, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* #217

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME Marcella Damron

Mighty To Save Praise Band

OPENING PRAYER Marcella Damron

Reason I Sing Praise Band

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith.

P: Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us with resurrection power in all the places of our lives!

L: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

P: This story of “Alleluia” means great joy for the One who lives and the ones who witness this new life in all the places of our lives!

L: We rejoice and thank you for your son’s life, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit.

P: Let this same Spirit fill all the places of our lives, that we may know the truth of resurrection for the rest of our lives!

L: We join our hearts in song and sing “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!” for Christ is living, and so are we!

P: Alleluia indeed!



Happy Easter!

PARADISE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 31, 2024

10am

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God, we confess that while we know the story of your victory over the grave well, it is not a story we always live. All manner of death drags us down – fear may suffocate us: the loss of dreams and hopes for ourselves, our families, our communities, and our nation. Sorrow may wall us off like a grave, isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief.

(moment of silence)

L: Yet the smooth stories of our faith are inscribed not with the marks of death but with the word, “Alleluia!” So, this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with “fear and great joy” so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death, we may find the radiant new life ever before us in your Resurrection!

ALL: Amen.

All pray in silence.

Please remain seated, or if you feel comfortable, you can come to the front and pray on the steps.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(debts/debtors)*

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.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBER *(insert)* Patricia Knepper

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *Majesty/How Majestic Is Your Name* Joy Bells

*DOXOLOGY (#625)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND GRATITUDE

ANTHEM *Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!* Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE *Luke 24:1-11*

SERMON *Why Easter Matters?* Rev. Dr. David Anderson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN *Because He Lives* #213

*BENEDICTION

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE *“Toccata” from Symphony V – Charles-Marie Widor*

*(Indicates standing as you are able.)

Welcome members and visitors!

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**The Nursery** is staffed and available this morning.

**The Kidsville Class** and **Middle School Class** begin at 10am.

**UCC Situational Support Follow-Up Meeting**

Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Association General Minister

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

6 – 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

\*\*All are welcome to attend.

**Paradise FEB 2024 Finance Report**

\$ 71,246 2/12 of Budget\*

\$ -57,976 2 month Income Toward Budget

\$ 13,270 YTD Amount SHORT of Budget

\*We are using the 2023 budget as our guide

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TODAY, Sunday, March 31, 2024: *HAPPY EASTER!***

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
10:00 Middle School Youth, youth room  
10:00 Kidsville class, Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders

### **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study today  
10:00 Quilting  
6:30 p.m. Staff meeting, Lounge  
8:00 A.A., Small dining room

### **Thursday, April 4, 2024**

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir

### **NEXT SUNDAY, April 7, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Adult Class, room at the back of the sanctuary  
9:00 Confirmation Class, Lounge  
10:00 Sanctuary Worship, communion  
10:00 Middle School Youth, youth room  
10:00 Kidsville class, Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
11:15 Luncheon for everyone in Fellowship Hall

### **EXPERIENCE: Worship**

**Ushers/Greeters for today:** Fred and Laura Geyer, Mark, Clara and Dalton Aufdenkamp

### **GO: Evangelism**

#### **Share your experience on-line:**

-Check in at Paradise Church on Facebook, post a picture on our page; "like" Paradise Church; make a comment; forward our posts on your page.  
-Follow Paradise Church on Instagram (paradise\_ucc)

### **INVEST: Discipleship**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES: Reminder to everyone: please include your name on your envelope each week.**

**MAILING OFFERINGS:** You can also mail in your offering through the postal service: 619 E. Main Street, Louisville OH 44641. Thank you!

**ON-LINE GIVING** through our church website: [paradisesechurch.org](http://paradisesechurch.org)

### **CONNECT: Fellowship**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday closed; Tuesday through Friday 9am-noon

**COFFEE HOUR** following worship: see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to supply cookies/fruit/dessert.

**AARP Taxes:** Wednesdays 9am-2pm at the Constitution Center located across from Dairy Queen, now thru April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRING BRUNCH** for everyone in attendance next Sunday after worship. Join us in Fellowship Hall for this free church event.

### **REACH: Ministry**

**CHURCH CAMP:** Registration is open for Templed Hills. If you are interested, contact Donna Edwards 330-495-4450 for info and registration.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering March and Lent:** One Great Hour of Sharing

**Louisville Community Cupboard for March:** Spaghettios

## **PARADISE MISSION STATEMENT**

Paradise United Church of Christ seeks to provide a window through which the warmth and wisdom of Jesus can be clearly seen by everyone. We seek to embody the love of Jesus Christ through worship, spiritual growth, Christian education and service to God and His community.



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