



RESURRECTION  
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday April 14, 2024  
3rd Sunday of Easter

Our Commitments  
“SHALOM-ORIENTED MISSION”

# Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation.

Our worship is “liturgical.” The Greek word “leitourgia” means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God’s call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website [resurrectionphl.org](http://resurrectionphl.org) for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff  
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

## Sunday Information

- **Nursery + Children’s Ministry:** Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
  - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
  - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
  - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there’s a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- **Accessibility:** A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms:** Men’s and Women’s restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation:** Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

## Reflection

Through our efforts to bring peace we show the world the kind of king and kingdom we represent. The outcome of our peacemaking is to introduce people to the kingdom. Therefore, the work of justice, when understood as direct testimony to God's kingdom, is evangelistic from start to finish. It is part (not the whole) of God's work of reconciling all things to himself.

-Esau McCaulley, *Reading While Black*

## Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

**EASTER**

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God's purposeful plan of salvation.

(*Seeking God's Face* by Philip Reinders)

# Welcome

## Opening Song

### *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Bianco of Siena, trans. Littledale; Ralph Vaughan Williams



1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine, and
2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn to
3. Let ho - ly cha - ri - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be, and
4. And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul will long, shall



vi - sit it with thine own ar - dor glo - wing; O Com - for - ter, draw near,  
dust and ash - es in its heat con - su - ming; and let thy glor - ious light  
low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing; true low - li - ness of heart,  
far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tel - ling; for none can guess its grace,



with - in my heart ap - pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame bes - to - wing.  
shine e - ver on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lu - ming.  
which takes the hum bler part, and o'er its own short com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
till he be - come the place where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes his dwell - ing.

## Opening of Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Grace, mercy, and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All And also with you.**

## Responsive Reading

May God be gracious to us and bless us

**All and make his face to shine upon us,**  
that your way may be known upon earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity**  
**and guide the nations upon earth.**

*from Psalm 67*

## Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

*GOD SUMMONS US  
AS HIS PEOPLE*

*As we meet together  
each week, we  
recognize in the  
preparation that God,  
through his word and  
Spirit, gathers us into  
his presence and calls  
us into his life and  
mission.*

# Doxology

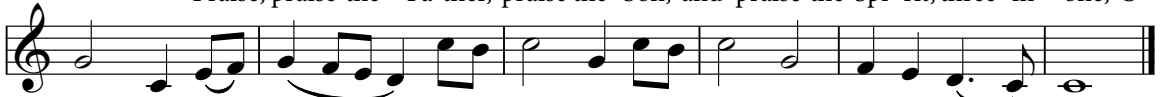
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,  
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O\_\_ praise him,



Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O  
Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi- rit, three in one, O



praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

*Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.*

## Confession of Sin

**All** Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.  
We have lived by our own strength  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
We have lived for this world alone  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us and help us.

*Silence is kept.*

## Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will,  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

# Song of Praise and Adoration

Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled\_ with laugh - ter;  
2. The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!"

our tongues, they were loosed, loosed\_ with joy.  
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord!

Al - though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing  
the seeds of your king - dom for the day you will reap\_ them.

Your sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry.

All those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of\_ joy.

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## Passing of the Peace

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**All And also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.*

*In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.*

## The Word of God

*Old Testament reading:* Jeremiah 29:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel reading:* John 14:25-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

*"Shalom-Oriented Mission"* – Rev. Chris Currie

# Offertory

## *I Am Sure I Shall See* - Taizé

I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
Yes, I shall see the goodness of our God;  
hold firm, trust in the Lord!

When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the  
Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that  
though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his  
poverty you might become rich” - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

*If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you  
can do so by scanning the QR code at the left or text any  
amount to the number 84321.*

*The offering is part of  
our worship together,  
an opportunity  
to participate in  
the ministry of  
Resurrection. If you  
are visiting, please  
don't feel obligated to  
give— we're grateful  
simply for your  
presence here today.*



[resurrectionphl.org/give](https://resurrectionphl.org/give)

*Having offered  
ourselves up in faith  
through the creed,  
affirming the power  
of God's redemption,  
we lift up the  
church, our world,  
and other needs to  
God in prayer for  
his provision and  
healing.*

## Creed

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Prayers

In joy and hope, we pray to you, Lord Jesus,  
that you would send the fire of the Holy Spirit  
upon your people,  
so that we may bear faithful witness to your resurrection.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

By your power, may war and famine cease  
throughout the world.  
Provide for those who lack food,  
work, safety, or shelter.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

Reveal the light of your presence to the sick,  
the weak, and the dying,  
to comfort and strengthen them.

Fill us all with the hope of your  
glorious and life-giving resurrection.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

And for what else should we pray?

*Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions  
at this time, ending with,*

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our  
Savior has taught us:

**All 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 and ever. Amen.**

## Communion

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

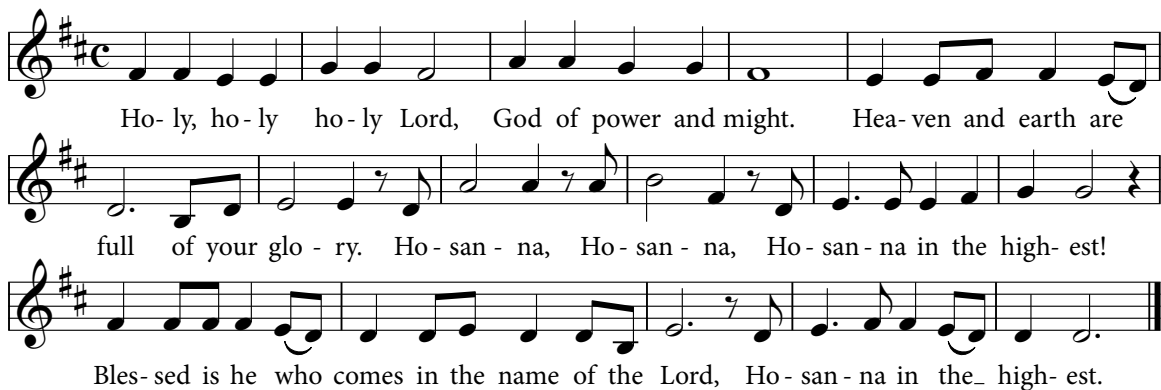
### GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

*Communion, also  
called the Lord's  
Supper, is the family  
meal of Christians.  
We invite all baptized  
followers of Jesus  
Christ to participate.  
If you are not a  
follower of Jesus or  
are not prepared to  
share in the meal,  
we encourage you  
to spend this time in  
prayer. We hope this  
time is helpful to you  
as you consider your  
relationship with  
Jesus Christ and with  
his people, the church.*

# The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
Because in the victory of Jesus over the grave  
a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended,  
a broken world is being renewed,  
and humanity is once again made whole.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

## *Sanctus*



Ho- ly, ho- ly ho- ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea- ven and earth are  
full of your glo- ry. Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na in the high- est!  
Bles- sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho- san- na in the\_ high- est.

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## *The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
forever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*The minister speaks the Words of Institution.*

## Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and a gluten-free option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.*

## Prayers for Reflection

**Prayer for those searching** | Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

**Prayer of belief** | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

**Prayer for those struggling** | Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

# Communion Song

*Filled with the Spirit's Power*

J.R. Peacey, Cyril Vincent Taylor



1. Filled with the Spi - rit's pow'r, with one ac - cord \_\_\_\_\_ the in - fant
2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire, \_\_\_\_\_ that u - ni -
3. Wi - den our love, good Spir - it to em - brace \_\_\_\_\_ in your strong



church con - fessed its ris - en Lord. O Ho - ly Spir - it, in the church to -  
ty may be our great de - sire. Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your  
care peo - ple of ev - ery race. Like wind and fire with life a - mong us



day \_\_\_\_\_ no less your\_ pow'r of fel - low - ship dis - play.  
call, \_\_\_\_\_ and read - i - ness in each to work for all.  
move, \_\_\_\_\_ till we are\_\_ known as Christ's, and Chris - tians prove.

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## Prayer after Communion

*All* Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us by this meal to proclaim your risen life,  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



# Blessing and Sending

## Have Mercy

David Gungor, Latifah Alattas, Madison Cunningham

1. The good - ness of the Lord is the kind - ness of the Lord with  
2. The beau - ty of the Lord is the suff' - ring of the Lord, is

ev' - ry breath we take, the gift of life and grace; the pow - er of the Lord is the  
Christ u - pon a tree, — stripped of dig - ni - ty, the glo - ry of the Lord is the

meek - ness of the Lord who bore hu - man - i - ty with brave hu - mil - i - ty:  
mer - cy of the Lord, gives life for us to see a new hu - man - i - ty:

Let your mer - cy flow through us, — your mer - cy, your mer - cy. —

Let your mer - cy flow through us, your mer - cy, your mer - cy. —

When they see us, may they see your mer - cy, your mer - cy. —

When they know us, may they know your mer - cy, your mer - cy. —

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GOD SENDS US  
INTO THE WORLD

*We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.*

## Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May the God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those  
who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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*“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)*

*After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness.*

**Musicians**

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Sarah Long: voice

Tyler Bussy: guitar, banjo

Charlie Muench: bass

**Scripture Reading**

Ryan McCormick

**Celebrant**

Rev. Scott Jennings

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# CONNECT

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

**CONNECTION GROUPS** provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit [resurrectionphl.org/groups](https://resurrectionphl.org/groups) or scan the QR code at right.



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**FAMILY MINISTRIES** come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- **Children's Ministry.** Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, [terri@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:terri@resurrectionphl.org)
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at [paul@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:paul@resurrectionphl.org).

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS** During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick ([ryan@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:ryan@resurrectionphl.org)) for more information about these events.

# GROW

**Resurrection is a community committed to** growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices [resurrectionphl.org/practices](http://resurrectionphl.org/practices)
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox [resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer](http://resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer) to help you get started.

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# GIVE

**The intentional financial participation** of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | [resurrectionphl.org/give](http://resurrectionphl.org/give)
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

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# SERVE

**We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city.** This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



## Announcements

### Do You Get Resurrection News?

If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of [resurrectionphl.org](http://resurrectionphl.org) or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

### Intro to Resurrection on April 21

Are you new to Resurrection, or have you been around awhile but don't yet feel connected? Join us after the worship service on Sunday, April 21st for Intro to Resurrection. It's a casual first step toward membership but also simply a place to ask questions and help us get to know you better. Please register at <http://resurrectionphl.org/membership> to help us plan.

### Worship at 4 pm on Broad Street Run Sunday; Chili Cook-off to Follow!

The Broad Street Run will be held on Sunday, May 5, and we're following our annual tradition of shifting that Sunday's worship service to 4 pm and following it with a Church-wide Chili Cook-off. Additional information to come... start your chili research and plan to come with an appetite!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### April

21: Intro to Resurrection

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### May

5: 4pm worship, chili cook-off

# Help us welcome you.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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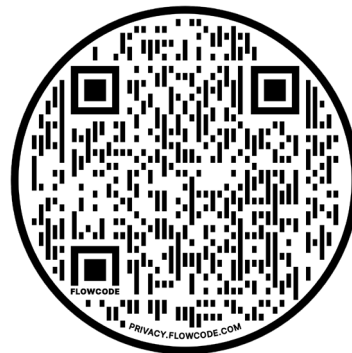
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Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me:  Weekly Newsletter  Morning & Evening Prayer

## Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## Prayer Requests

*Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.*

*Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.*

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