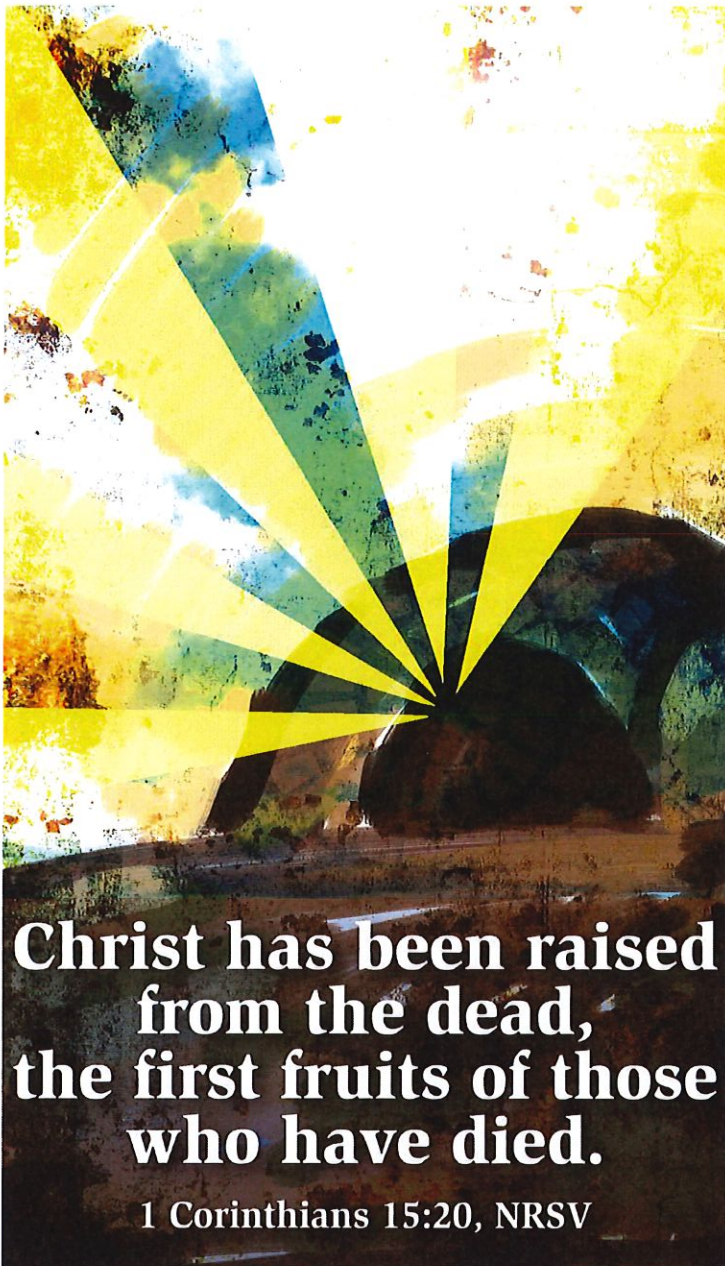


St. John United Church of Christ
301 S. Market Street
New Athens, Illinois 62264



**Christ has been raised
from the dead,
the first fruits of those
who have died.**

1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

Worship and Grow Today

Sunrise Service, 6:30 am

Traditional Worship , 8 am

Contemporary Worship, 10:30 am

Sunday School Classes, 9 am

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Please fill out and tear off your Attendance/Prayer Concern slip before worship begins. Pass it to the center aisle while the church calendar is being discussed. Our ushers will collect it there.

Please note that large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available from our ushers.

New members are welcome and received regularly at St. John's. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our worshiping family, speak to Pastor Koch as you leave today, or check the appropriate box on your attendance card.

If this is a Communion Sunday (generally the first Sunday of each month) we invite all Christians welcome at Christ's table in their own family of faith to join us here. The inner circle in each tray of glasses contains grape juice.

Children are always welcome in worship at St. John's. Live closed circuit TV broadcasts of our services are available in the foyer fellowship room, though, for parents who may decide that their child needs a break from worship temporarily.

Pastor Koch is always available to help those seeking answers, comfort, or guidance. He is usually in his office all day Monday, and at various other times throughout the week. If you'd like to see him, feel free to stop by, or call the church office at 475-2947 to make an appointment.

We cordially invite all members and guests to participate in the on-going ministries of St. John church. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our church office, which is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. till Noon and 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. It is staffed through the week by Beth Buettner.

Please enjoy Easter breakfast downstairs in the dining hall after worship!

The flowers on the altar are given by Carla Lake in memory of family.

Gathering Together

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Because He Lives" (Vs. 1)

Beginning five minutes prior to worship

Pew Booklet, pp. 4-5

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

(Please pass your Attendance/Prayer Concern slips to the center aisle.)

THE MORNING PRELUDE, CALL OF THE BELL

Seeking God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

We serve a risen Savior who's in the world today.

We know that he is living, whatever others say.

We hear Christ's Easter greeting, it banishes all fear;

Whenever we may need him, our Lord draws near...

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever. The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's strong hand is victorious!"

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with us and talks with us along life's narrow way.

He lives! He lives, new life and hope to bring.

So now we come before you, God, and Easter praises sing!

I won't die—no, I'll live and declare what the Lord has done.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone! It's astounding in our sight!

*OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Hymnal, No. 167

CALL TO CONFESSION

Time of Silent Confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together

Gracious God, you walked with us through our Lenten journey,

celebrating when, with open eyes and hearts,

we grew in understanding of your love.

You mourned when we fell spiritually asleep,

fearful of the cross and unable to believe resurrection good news.

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection,
remind us that we're to be "Easter People," those who know
that your love has triumphed in a powerful, unstoppable way.
Forgive our stubbornness and fears.
Help us to become the disciples you need, using the gifts you give us
and making the most of opportunities we have to serve.
We pray in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Gloria Patri
Passing the Peace

Hymnal, No. 493

Hearing God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:1-12

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON "Fake News"

Responding With Our Prayers

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR WORSHIPING FAMILY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Let us pray....

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Together, Words on Screen

RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer" Hymnal, No. 501

Responding With Our Gifts

MORNING MISSION MOMENT, OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal, No. 551

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of resurrection hope, in raising Jesus from the dead
you triumphed over the power of the grave
and opened the way to new and renewed life.
Let the gifts we dedicate, and the lives we lead,
proclaim the glory of the risen Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament Of Our Lord's Supper

INVITATION

As we go into the world on this Easter Day, we first stop here at the table of our risen Lord. We were just here a few nights ago, remembering how Jesus shared a meal with his disciples before he was arrested.

**This is the table of our risen Lord:
the table where we remember how he gave of himself for us,
the table where we share the great feast of heaven and earth,
the table where we can expect to meet Jesus.**

Whoever you are, wherever you've been, come celebrate this Easter day!
Jesus is here, and invites us to join him in the feast he's prepared.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It's right to give God thanks and praise.

O God, on this day of days we can do nothing but sing your praise.

Just three days ago, we thought the story was over.

We never could have imagined the good news that we celebrate today.

You overcame the power of death in Christ, raising him to new life.

All that you've said and all that you've done

brings us to this celebration of resurrection good news.

We give you thanks and praise for the life you've given us, as well as for the hope and promise of new life yet to come. With grateful hearts, we join the choirs of earth and heaven singing your praise:

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness:

God hath brought His people forth into joy from sadness.

Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and with true affection

Welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Awesome God, on this Easter Day, come among us by the power of your Spirit. Show us the presence of the risen Christ as we celebrate this meal.

**Receive the gifts we bring, and use them to make all things new—
even now, even here, even among those who gather at this table.**

Bless this bread, this cup, and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people. May we be salt, light, and leaven for the building up of your Kingdom in the world.

**By that same Spirit, unite us with the risen Christ,
that we might meet him here and everywhere we go,
sharing the good news of his resurrection in our lives and in our world.**

BREAKING BREAD AND SHARING WINE

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, help us to glimpse the risen Christ at work in our world.

**Show us how to see and serve him in all those whom we meet;
guide us into your new life each and every day.**

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ reigns in triumph over all the world.

**Eternal God, we give you praise, thanks, and glory
through our risen Lord, now and forever. Amen.**

Responding With Faithful Service in the World

BENEDICTION

HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

Hymnal, No. 165

POSTLUDE



Easter
Resurrection Joy

John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.

The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:1-18

Facing the "Tombs" of our Lives

When we face life's losses, disappointments, heartbreaks, and failures, Jesus shares those with us. He also shares new life and new hope with us - resurrection. It isn't a one-time thing, but the dawning of a new day, and new life. Jesus is risen!

No matter what things look like now, this Easter morning says, "Wait. We are part of something greater than ourselves, and our lives are lived in a new age of hope."

"Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen."

--Mother Teresa

Please fill out this slip, noting prayer concerns on the back.
Legible handwriting or printing is much appreciated!
If you're a visitor with us today, we hope you'll come again!

Easter Worship, 8 am

Your Name _____

- Member Visitor Child/Youth Looking for a Church Home
 Desire a Call

Visitors--If you're comfortable doing so, please give us your address and phone.

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

We want to know
what you think!
Please include
comments, suggestions,
or other feedback below:



Welcome to Worship!



Pastor

Dr. Robert Koch

Organist

Paul Bickel

Ushers

Keith Reuss Debbie Volner

Please pray for these churches, pastors, and friends:

In area hospitals:

Brian Napier	<i>St. Elizabeth's</i>
Jan Whaley	<i>Memorial</i>
Camden Newman	<i>St Louis Children's</i>

From the Illinois South Conference:

Friedens, Irvington
Rev. Stacy Tate

St. Paul, Jamestown
Don Propeck

Members and friends of St. John's:

JoAnn Miller
Melinda and Don Milligan
Rhonda and John Morse
Lucas, Elizabeth, Jeff and Kathy Mueller
Alice and Robert Mueller
Delores Mueller
Don Mueller
Dawn Murphy
Maedell, Lana, and Ray Nagel Jr.

Low-cost, Christian counseling is available through Family Care Ministries.

Contact Pastor Koch or the church office to schedule an appointment.
All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Prayer Joys and Concerns

Please pray for:

- Mention this joy/concern during morning prayers.
- Please pray for this joy/concern silently.

Sign me up for the following:



- Prayer Partners
- "Doughnut time" helper

I'm interested in these opportunities to serve and grow:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Bible study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth group volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Join "Prayer Partners" |