

## Acts 5:27-32

read, "Easter Is Over, Now What?"  
the promise of new life, but how are  
look different from that of a week  
nging "Jesus Christ Is Risen To-

of that church sign. Easter is NOT  
ation in which the memory grows as  
p. Easter is our invitation to live as  
he God possibilities amid the im-

as a 50-day celebration that led to  
tecost. During the days of Easter-  
ays, it was a tradition to read  
ere among the pages are stories of  
ns — as Jesus' followers boldly tell

Peter in trouble with the Sanhedrin  
e of Jesus to heal a crippled beg-  
ey warned Peter and his friends to  
ing and teaching. But Peter cannot  
e. For the Easter moment was the  
uses to the resurrection power that

ing, dance and celebrate that love  
eem all things. Are we showing the  
isen Lord, that we are choosing to  
ld throws our way?

observe 40 days of following Jesus  
the same attention to these 50 days  
n?

ry Christian musician once ob-  
hs the Lenten fast." It is time for us  
our role as resurrection witnesses.

*honored to be witnesses of the re-  
we continue the Eastertide celebra-  
hearts and make loud our voice so  
ruth to power and show love amid  
ster people in the world. In Jesus'*



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ou for coming! Please sign a pew card

Please check downstairs and meet with  
 ving your child.  
 s Plain Font, **All Speak Bold Font**

*o our singers & our  
 r adding extra joy to our  
 ice today!*

## Flowers

To the Glory of God  
 In Memory of Father, Mother,  
 Sister and Brother  
 Lin and Tyler Mollway  
 AJ and Pat  
 In Memory of Jennifer Bader  
 Dean & Phyllis Reding  
 James & Pauline Zap  
 In Memory of Steve Greef  
 Fred II and Maxine Stevens  
 In Memory of Betty Albrecht  
 Vivian and Howard Curry

## Mark Your

- ✚ **May 2nd and 3rd Rummage Sale** - Items to be brought inside the church. Sale items in the garage. Sale times: Friday 3pm and Saturday, May 3rd 10am-3pm
- ✚ **May 3rd Prairie Association Meeting** - in Princeton, IL! The registration fee is \$10.00. Meeting on Wednesday, **May 7th - Open House** 12pm
- ✚ **Saturday, May 10th - Cloture** 12pm
- ✚ **May 18th** All feathers, fur and more for worship for St. John's **Pet**
- ✚ **May 25th 5pm** Will have a **musician, Jim Hendricks** and a **dinner** are on sale now.

## You Are M

The following support groups

- The Belvidere Group (AA) - Meetings on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 7pm. Women's Group meetings on Tuesdays 7pm.
- T.O.P.S. Mondays 11am

## Community

**Community Meal:** Every 3rd Monday  
**Blessing Box:** Outside by the church door - Open to all who are hungry 24/7.  
**Paper Angel Closet:** Needs Tissues, Dish soap.

## Boone County Habitat for

life emerging, God open

world building, God commit

persisting, God dedicate us.

rising up, God equip us.

**"Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"**

(Joyful, Joyful)

**At Early Dawn Service Pray-**

**y C was** written by Dr. Sharon

Join the Movement toward Ra-

National Ministries.

## Processional Hymn #233 "Ch day"

### Responsive Welcome Statem

At St. John's United Chu

Outwardly & Valuing Ev

**We live and work amio**

In that spirit, we extend

midst, regardless of sex

ty, race, nationality, skin

ties, age or political affili

all aspects of church.

**Our ministry is to bring,**

**Christ's love to all.**

We work in God's name

community,

**to walk with each other**

**cumstances,**

to provide for those in ne

**to offer comfort to the**

and to uplift the brokenh

**Where we fail, we ask**

May the Holy Spirit and

lunge us to do better.

**No matter who you are**

**journey, you are welco**

### Call to Worship

At early dawn, when the

the shadows still long ar

sing a tender and persis

**And the resurrection s**

**Christ, the Power of L**

**lujah.**

At early dawn, with the s

eyes the women began

hallelujah.

**And the empty tomb s**

**questions. Christ, the**

**deed. Hallelujah.**

o one could remember the  
promise of a new day rising the  
ierce and determined hallelu-

**ed like bread and rejoicing.**  
**uth and Life, is risen in-**

day brings forth new agonies  
er to sing a grateful and liber-

**like protest and praise.**  
**s risen.**

**s risen indeed.**

**ah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

meet you in the empty tomb  
ays, despairs and hopes inter-  
ayers and praise this Easter  
o remember that the power of  
ome every death-dealing  
ervasive or persuasive. In  
l time, dazzle us with good  
One, in whose path we follow  
nen.

**Waking Up”**

**s Prayer**

**Resurrection”**

**nd New Life**

we succumbed to the despair  
y the chaos machine and for-  
promises, unable to remem-  
ast Love and persistent Jus-

we reacted with disbelief to

the truths testified by those  
ful, treating the ones who h  
sion best as untrustworthy  
cant.

**Christ, have mercy.**

How many times have we  
wisdom of marginalized vo  
to recognize this witness to  
for all?

**God, have mercy.**

**Words of Grace**

How many times does God  
and mercy!

**Hallelujah. Praise our Re**

How many times will God f  
loved!

**Hallelujah. Praise our Ris**

How many times will God f

**Hallelujah. Thanks be to**  
**things new.**

**Gloria Patri**

**Scripture**

Luke 24:1-12

**Sermon**

“Idle Tale”

**Blessing the Bread and Cup**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

*Eat as a sign of your personal fa*  
*pastor and the rest of our*  
*commu*

**Communion Hymn #347 “Let U**  
**ploy”**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**