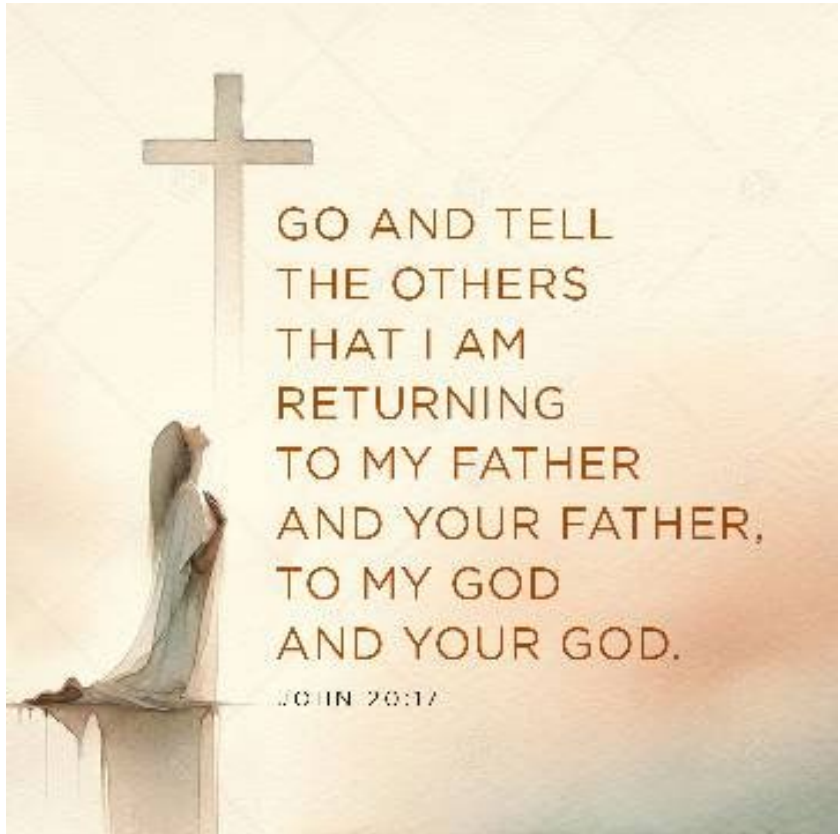


05 April 2026

Easter Sunday

St. John's:  
Making and Maturing  
Disciples of Jesus Christ



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## **“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”**

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**Easter Sunday**

**April 5, 2026**

*Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten*

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### **Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)**

**Prelude**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

M. Thomas

### **Words of Encouragement Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

### **Prayer for Easter**

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **\* Easter Acclamation**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

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L: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn #165**

*Low in the Grave He Lay*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Jeremiah 31:1-4**

L: "At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be My people."

**C: Thus says the Lord:**

L: "The people who survived the sword

**C: found grace in the wilderness;**

L: when Israel sought for rest,

**C: the Lord appeared to him from far away.**

L: I have loved you with an everlasting love;

**C: therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you.**

L: Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

**C: O virgin Israel!**

L: Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines

**C: and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.**

**\* Gloria Patri**

**Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:**

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Ericka Heaton – E. Liverpool, OH

Mission of the Month: SOUP

The Lord's Prayer

**Children's Sermon**

**It's Empty**

John 20:2

**Chancel Choir**

*A Festival Introit for Easter*

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**Giving of Tithes and Offerings:**

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

**\*Doxology**

**Scripture**

**Acts 10:34-43**

**John 20:1-18**

**Sermon**

**Testify of the Risen Christ**

**Songs**

*Because He Lives*

*Holy Forever*

Stone Table Church: Augustin Forester, John Wesley Korani &

Joice Nissi Korani

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*The Apostles' Creed

back of hymnal

The Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

\* Hymn #163

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

\* **Benediction**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

(repeat above 3X)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let us go boldly into the world carrying the Good News of the risen Christ to all the world! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*The Hallelujah Chorus*

Handel/Carleton

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\*— Those who are able, please stand

When the Christ Candle enters, may we center ourselves on worshipping Him.  
When the Christ Candle leaves, may we follow Christ into the world.



*Welcome to St. John's Church*

If you purchased an Easter flower, please pick it up after the worship service this morning. Thank you!

## **Scripture:**

### **Acts 10:34-43:**

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

### **John 20:1-18:**

<sup>1</sup> Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their

homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> 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.” <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for 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.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that He had said these things to her.

Please join us for our Annual Bike Blessing



And Car and Bike Show



*May 17, 2026*

**211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH**

9:00 - 11:30 Registration

12:00 – 2:00 Car and Bike Show

12:15 - Blessing of the Bikes

1:30 – Presentation of Trophies

Food available at 11:00 from Kenton Scouts 121

Open to the Public

Open invitation to all to attend Worship

Service beginning at 10am

*Hosted by:*

**St. John's Evangelical Church  
and Christian Motorcycle  
Association, God's Thunder**



Sermon Notes

**05 April 2026**

Scripture: **Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18**

Sermon: **Testify of the Risen Christ**

1. How do you see Jesus and His Gospel continuing to overcome the Tempter? How is He still winning ground heart by heart? Where do you see that occurring?
2. What aspects of the Resurrection story are you being drawn to this year? What strikes you more deeply? Why? How do you respond to that?
3. Our scripture call us to testify. Today, we gather with Stone Table Church. How can we testify of Jesus' love to our community? How can we do that together? What ministry do you hope to see grow out of our partnership as two churches in one building with one Head—Christ our Lord?
4. How are you testifying like Mary (**John 20:18**) and Peter (**Acts 10:42-43**)? How do you do that with what you say AND what you do? How do you do that in Easter and throughout the year?

***Sola Fide*** (faith alone)—And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

—**Acts 10:42**

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Person:** Today we pray for Ericka Heaton missing from E. Liverpool, OH.

**Euchre game:** April 9 at 1 pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome

**Dinner Club:** April 17 at 6 pm Cheers to You (Upper Sandusky) – meet at the church at 5:30

**New Saturday morning Bible Study (6 wks.):** Starting April 18 from 10:30-12, Anna will lead the Max Lucado study called “In the Footsteps of the Savior”. The study guide can be purchased on Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/Footsteps-Savior-Bible-Study-Streaming/dp/0310163838> and if you want the book <https://www.amazon.com/Footsteps-Savior-Following-Jesus-Through/dp/1400335167> or here’s the set on faith gateway <https://faithgateway.com/products/in-the-footsteps-of-the-savior-standard-bundle> A sign-up sheet is on the welcome center.

**Book Club:** April 20 at 1 pm at Kae Merold’s- *The Lost Letter* by D. Stevens

**Morgan’s Place – more than a cemetery:** April 26 – Speaker will share during worship info. regarding their ministry to assist those who have experienced a miscarriage, abortion or still birth. Please invite anyone to join us in worship. Lunch will be served after worship with an opportunity to ask our speakers questions.

**Dinner Club:** May 15 at the Bears Den (Mt. Victory) at 6 pm, meet at church at 5:30

**Carl Lotz Scholarship:** Students **must** either attend school or church within Hardin County to be eligible, due May 20. Please complete the application online at: <https://forms.gle/tBA1fMWRkyh9esJ8>

**Fishing Derby:** May 30, 9:30-Noon at Boy Scout Lake

**Confirmation Sunday:** May 31

**Joint Service & Picnic with Stone Table Church:** June 14 - combined service in the sanctuary at 10 am then go to Boy Scout Lake for a picnic

**Dinner Club:** June 27 meet at church at 11:15 am – G&R Tavern, Waldo (cash only)

**VBS:** July 19-22

**Elijah: Star Theater Day Trip:** Oct. 3 at 1 pm for show and dinner after. Cost is \$69.44 (show, dinner, tax, tip) Tickets need ordered soon- See Janie

**Jr. Church** the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month

**Nursery Subs Needed:** We are in need of a few nursery subs, someone who can fill in when needed,. If you are interested, please talk to Janie.

**MomCo Mom's group** –The meetup will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 9 am and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Janie is in need of volunteers to help with the moms and with the kids. Please consider joining her in building this program and getting young families involved in our church.

**Laundromat Ministry:** A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church with upcoming dates. See Mary Ralston if you would like to schedule a different time or date. You may also support the ministry by filling pill bottles with quarters that are included in the packets. They are also available on the welcome desk.

**Bulletin Announcements:** due by Friday at 8:30 AM. If you wish to have it added to the website, please email Richard at [rkatterjohn@gmail.com](mailto:rkatterjohn@gmail.com).



## **Easter Flowers – 2026**

In honor of The Dick Jones's family by Dick & Janet Jones

In loving memory of Gordon Donnelly by Jane Donnelly

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford & Lillian Elsasser by Hal Elsasser & Alora England

In loving memory of Mrs. Iona Hanna by Hal Elsasser & Alora England

In loving memory of Carmen Cronley by Hal Elsasser & Alora England

In loving memory of Parents: Mark & Estella Merald, Dale Locker & Son: Justin Forwerck by Steve & Kae Merold

In loving memory of Dean Rader by Deb Herdman

In honor of Juanita Rader by Deb Herdman

In honor of E. Juanita Rader by Weldon Rader

In loving memory of Susan D. Rader by Weldon Rader

In loving memory of Tim Anstine by Sheryl Anstine

In loving memory of Pam (Woll) Neuhauser by Jeff & Diane Neuhasuser

In loving memory of Bob & Vivienne Hommel by Dick and Carol Wilcox & family

In loving memory of Thomas (Bud) Sr. & Anita Wilcox by Dick & Carol Wilcox & family

In loving memory of Harold, Eileen, Ken, Don Faler and Nancy Carman by Jim & Marilyn Bidwell

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Leoffert and Gladys Unger given by Marilyn Hempy Gordon and Virginia Schnaidt

In loving memory of our Parents and Grandparents by Levern and Nancy Weaver

In honor of our Parents, Children, and Grandchildren by LeVern and Nancy Weaver

In loving memory of Gladys Clay, Mother, by Nancy Clay

In loving memory of George & Louise Rader, Grandparents, by Nancy Clay

In loving memory of "Andy" Tice by Grandma Ginny

In loving memory of George & Irene Bidwell by their Children

In loving memory of Dan & JoAnn Erwin by the Erwin family

In loving memory of Husband Bruce C. Baker by Jane Baker

In loving memory of Parents Mr. E. Robert and Edna Mae Philips and Sister Margaret Jean Philips by Jane Baker

In loving memory of Grandparents: Elgin and Ida Mae Wilcox and E. B. and Grace Philips, and Aunts and Uncles by Jane Baker

In loving memory of friends and co-workers: Dick Styer, Dean Martino, Connie Harvey, Brett Molk, and Pat Higgins by Jane Baker

In loving memory of members of the Carnarius, Zaring, & Temple families by Lynda Zaring Temple

In loving memory of Charles & Mary Baker by Pat Fintel

In loving memory of Grandsons, Caleb & Erik Rickenbacher by Nancy Rickenbacher

In loving memory of Husband, Paul Rickenbacher and Sons, Gary & Jeff by Nancy Rickenbacher

In loving memory of Steve Baker given in love by Carmen Baker

In loving memory of Steve Baker given in love by Mike & Shannon (Baker) Wellin and Anna & Luke

In loving memory of Steve Baker given in love by Chad & Christina Baker and Lauren & Caroline

In loving memory of Thomas and Anita Wilcox by Nancy Wilcox and Dave Burkhart

In loving memory of Frieda and Rolland Burkhart by Dave Burkhart and Nancy Wilcox

In loving memory of loved ones by Dave Burkhart and Nancy Wilcox

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Leoffert, Mr. & Mrs. George Leoffert, and Mr. & Mrs. Pete Kirchner by Jerry & Sandy Dick & family and Don & Sherry Smith & family

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Max V. and Florence C. Lease and Frederick W. and Ruth Ann (Lease) Kaufmann.

## Week at a Glance

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| Today, 4/5:     | 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise – Boy Scout Lake<br>10:00 AM Worship Service                     |
| Monday, 4/6:    | 9:00 AM MomCo<br>5:00 PM Missions/Evangelism<br>6:30 PM Scout Troop 121 – Basement      |
| Tuesday, 4/7:   | 1:00 PM First Tuesday<br>5:00 PM CR Step Studies<br>6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel |
| Wednesday, 4/8: | 5- 6:45 PM Kingdom Kids Club  |
| Thursday, 4/9:  | 6:00 PM Church Council<br>6:00 PM Bible Study – Chapel<br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts – Basement |
| Friday, 4/10:   | 12:00 PM Prayer - Sanctuary   |
| Saturday, 4/11: | 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel<br>9:00 AM Bible Recap Study- library                |

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### Week at a Glance:

Attendance (3/29): 78  
Envelopes: 3/22: \$1860 3/29: \$2810  
Loose Offering: 3/29: \$60  
Loose Ones: 3/29: \$2  
Mission (CR): 3/22: \$245 3/29: \$385

### Ushers:

4/5: Peggy Cahill & Carol Wilcox  
4/12: Becky Rish & Nancy Wilcox

