

# EASTER SUNDAY



**MARCH 31**

**11:00am**

**We are the newchurch – the *Chiesa Nuova* – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus.**

## CHIMING THE HOUR

### CALL TO WORSHIP Mark 28.5

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

### ♦ SONG OF PRAISE

#### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Words by Charles Wesley Music by Samuel Arnold*



Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - - - le -  
Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - - le -

-lu - - ia! Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say  
-lu - - ia! Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

Al - - - le - lu - - ia! Raise your joys and  
Al - - - le - lu - - ia! Made like Christ, like

tri - umphs high, Al - - - le - lu - - ia!  
Christ we rise, Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

Sing, glad the heavens, and earth re - ply,  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Al - - - le - lu - - ia!  
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

WELCOME

FIRST LESSON

Oscar Contreras

1 Corinthians 15. 1-10

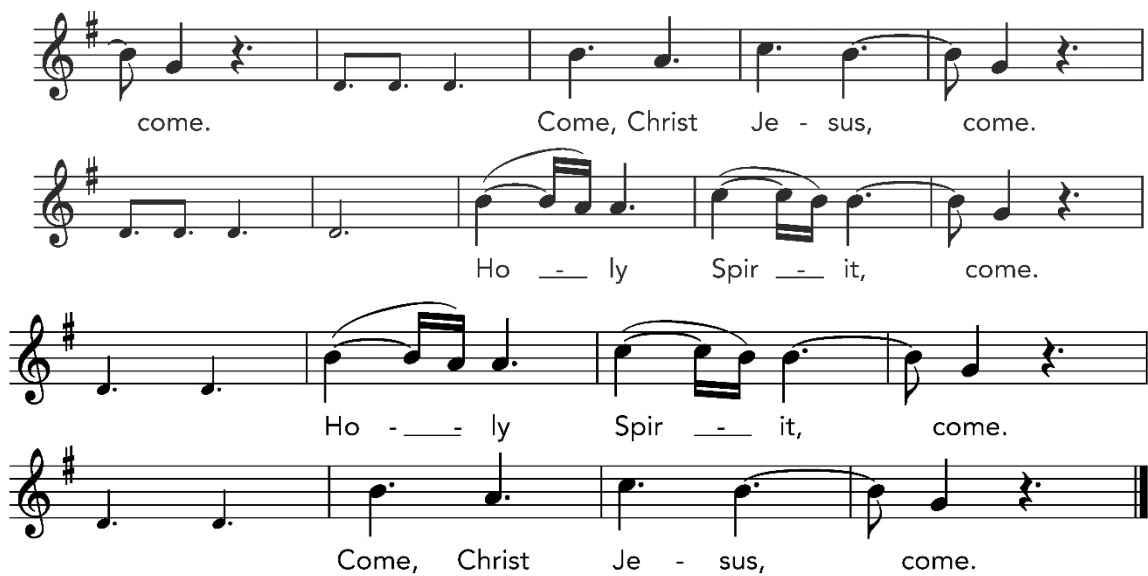
CONFESSION

SONG OF PRAYER

All Who Are Thirsty

*Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Glenn Roberts*

All who are thirst y, All who are weak,  
 come to the foun tain. Dip your heart in the stream of  
 life. Let all pain and all sor row, be washed a way  
 in the waves of God's mer-cy as deep cries out to  
 deep. (We sing) Come, Christ Je - sus, come.  
 Come, Christ Je - sus, come. Come, Christ  
 Je - sus, come. Come, Christ Je - sus,



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## Invitation

Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful. Very early in the morning, a mother placed her newborn in a manger. Very early in the morning, the good news was shared with frightened friends, that Jesus is risen and alive in our midst. Let us confess the fears and the amazement we bring this morning.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

One: Let us pray.

All: On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how we have not done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, yet we have often failed to offer healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the messenger in the tomb but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors.

Bring us new life, Risen Christ. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of Your Spirit. We pray in Your Holy Name, O God, O Christ, O Spirit of many names. Give us new life, we pray.

## Silence is Kept

## GIFT OF MUSIC

### Jesus Lord to Me

Words and Music by Gary McSpadden / Greg Nelson

Angie Latimer  
James Zackey

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. James Coley

One: God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, prepares for us a Table; Holy Spirit, dwells within us. Hear the Good News: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.

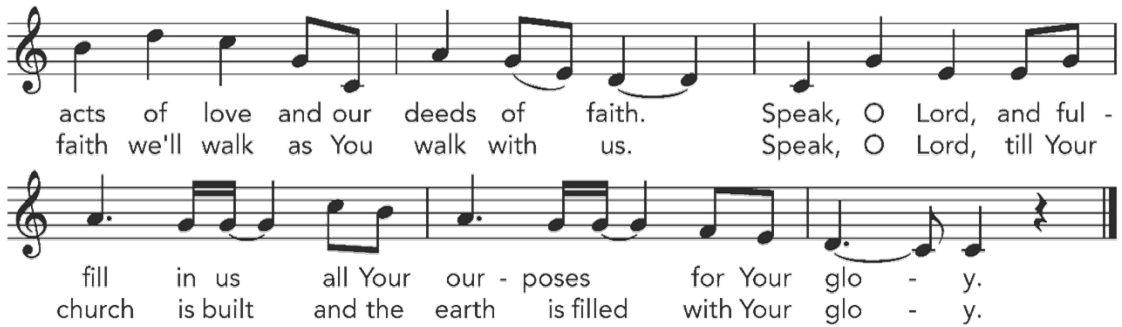
All: On this very Day of Resurrection, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### Speak, O Lord - vs. 1

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -  
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us -  
ceive the food of Your ho - ly word.  
grasp the height of Your plans for us.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will  
fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - nity. And by  
light of Christ might be seen to - day in our  
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by



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## Gospel

### Mark 16. 1 - 8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint the body of Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here; he has been raised. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell the disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So the women went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### Speak, O Lord - vs. 2

## SERMON

### Infinite Love

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

## HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

Leader All

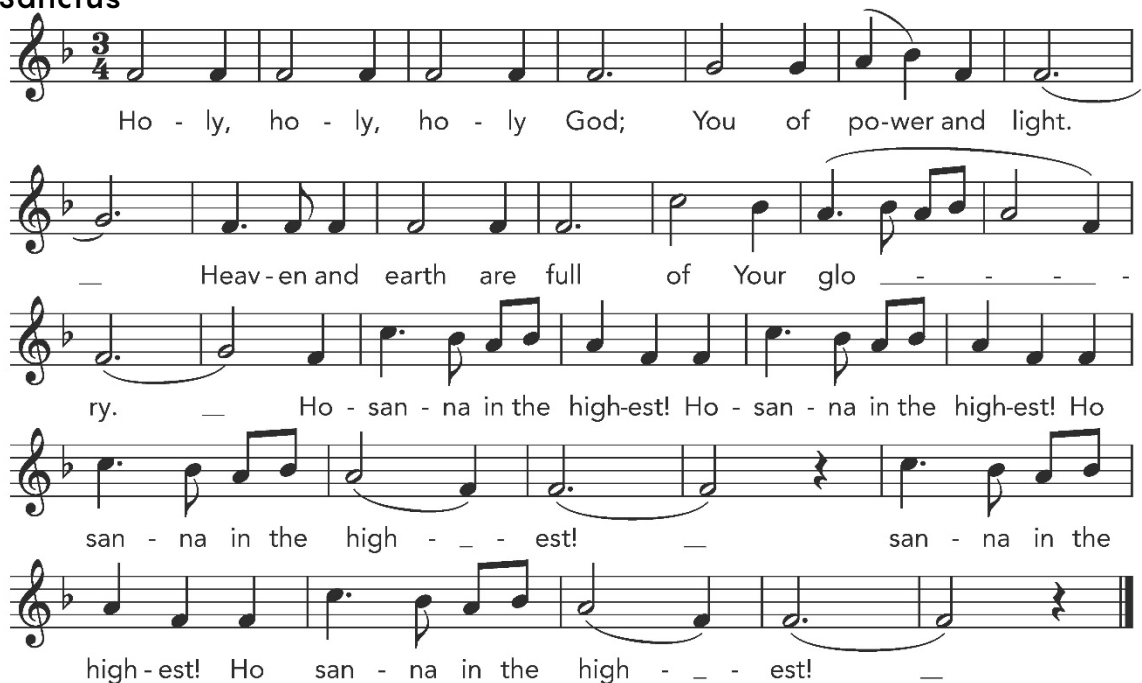
God be with you. — And al - -  
so with you. — Lift up your  
hearts. — We lift them up to our God.  
— Let us give thanks to our God most  
high. It is right to give our  
thanks and praise. —

One: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, O God. We praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life ...

... And so, with the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:



## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God; You of po- wer and light.

— Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo — — —

ry. — Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho

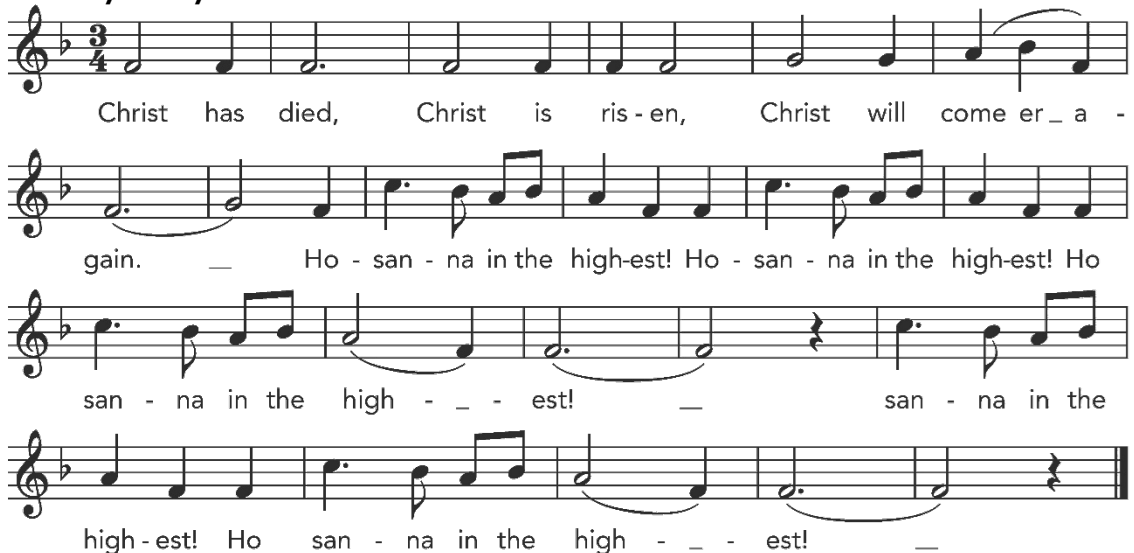
san - na in the high - — - est! — san - na in the

high - est! Ho san - na in the high - — - est! —

## The Story

One: . . . And so, in remembrance of these your acts of grace in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living offering in union with Christ's gifts for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

## The Mystery



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come er - a -

gain. — Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho

san - na in the high - — - est! — san - na in the

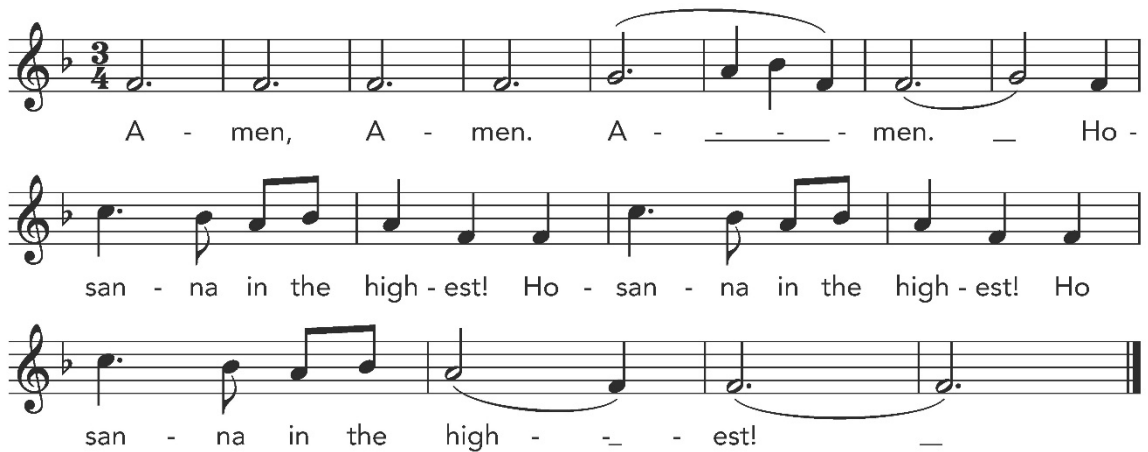
high - est! Ho san - na in the high - — - est! —

## The Prayer

One: Bless us, therefore, by your Holy Spirit that as we receive the consecrated bread and fruit of the vine at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you.

## The Great Amen



A - men, A - men. A - - - - men. — Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho  
san - na in the high - - - est! —

## The Invitation

## The Sharing

# The Song

## Be Thou My Vision/Will You Guide Me

*Words & Music Traditional Irish Hymn Additional Words & Music by Adam Lancaster*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Be thou my Vi-sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all Rich-es I heed not, nor life's emp-ty praise, thou my in- else to me, save that thou art: Thou my best thought, by her-i-tance now and al-ways: Thou and thou on-ly, day or by night, wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pre-sence my first in my heart, great God of heav-en, my trea-sure Thou light. art. Will you guide me when I can't see? Please, Lord, lead me; You're all that I need. Will you guide me 1. when I can't see? Please, Lord, lead me; You're all that I 2. need. all that I need. Be thou my Vi-sion, O Lord of my heart.'

Be thou my \_ Vi - sion, O \_ Lord of my heart; naught be all  
Rich - es I \_ heed not, nor \_ life's emp - ty praise, thou my in -  
else to me, save that thou art: Thou my \_ best \_ thought, by  
her - i - tance now and al - ways: Thou and \_ thou \_ on \_ ly,  
day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my  
first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my \_ trea - sure Thou  
light. art. Will you guide me when I can't see? Please, Lord,  
lead me; You're all that I need. Will you guide me  
1.  
when I can't see? Please, Lord, lead me; You're all that I  
2.  
need. all that I need.  
Be thou my \_ Vi - sion, O \_ Lord of my heart.

## The Lord's Prayer (using "kin-dom" and "sins")

Our God, in heaven, holy be Your name. Your kin-dom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### COMMUNITY REMINDERS

#### ✦ BLESSING

#### ✦ SONG OF PARTING

### How Great Is Our God

*Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*



How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

2. To Coda  
Name a-bove all names, wor-thy of all praise.

Our hearts will sing: How great

D.S. al Fine  
is our God!

## How Great Thou Art

*Words and Music by Stuart Wesley Keene Hine*

Then sings my soul, my sav - ior God, to

Thee; \_ How great Thou art, \_ how great Thou art!

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### ✦ SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many:** **And, also with you.**

One: La paz de Cristo esté con vosotros.

**Many:** **Y tambien contigo.**

One: Nos deja intercambiamos palabras y gestos de paz.  
Let us exchange words and signs of peace.

### ✦ DISMISSAL

# NOTES

# EASTER 2024

## EASTER EGG HUNT – Today at 10:00am

All children and youth are invited to bring their Easter basket and join our friends from St. Paul's for an Easter Egg Hunt on the playground.



## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP — Today at 11:00am Onsite or Online



Easter Sunday is the high holy day of our Christian faith. We so hope you will join us when we will remember the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life for all of us; yesterday, today and forever.

## EASTER RECEPTION Today at 12:15 pm

Since our very first Easter together, New church has had a tradition of gathering after worship for a time of fellowship with deviled eggs and macarons. This year we will continue our tradition with an Easter morning reception in the courtyard.



## EASTER BRUNCH Today at 1:00pm



Immediately following our reception in the courtyard, you, your family, and friends are invited to Hop on Over to the Hudsons' for Easter Brunch! The menu will include Old-Fashioned Ham with Brown Sugar and Mustard Glaze, Crispy Chicken Cutlets, Cream Gravy, Homemade Biscuits, Potatoes au Gratin. Marmalade-Glazed Carrots With Candied Pecans. Creamy Spring Peas With Pancetta, a Bagel Board, Carrot Bundt Cake, Lemon Bundt Cake, Chocolate Bundt Case, Mimosas, and a Bloody Mary Bar.

# MISSION & OUTREACH

## SUNDAY OF SERVICE — Sunday, April 7 at 11am

At New Church we have always believed that a church is not about a building, but is made up of the people who make up the church. We also believe that God is calling us outside the walls of our physical worship space to care for others.

On 5th Sundays (months that have five Sundays), our New Church Community, family and friends will be invited to help feed unhoused, poor and hungry people. We will not worship in person, but will gather near downtown to distribute bags containing a meal, along with snacks and various hygiene items. Once we have fed all we can feed, we'll go feed ourselves at a Dutch treat lunch.

On our last Sunday of Service, December 31, 2023, we had 21 people help distribute 200 lunches, 100 blessing bags, and a wagon full of blankets to hungry people in downtown Dallas. A huge thank you to everyone who donated supplies to make this day successful. Our Amazon Wishlist has been updated and we welcome donations for our next SoS day.



Scan or  
Click to  
Donate

If you worship with us online, we hope you might find a similar opportunity where you live — volunteer at a food pantry, or soup kitchen, or distribute bags yourself. We will post a worship service on Facebook and our website that morning for our online worshippers. We will post a worship service on Facebook and our website that morning for our online worshippers.





# GET INVOLVED

## LET'S DO LUNCH — April 7 at 12:30pm



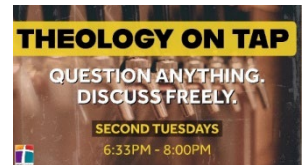
You are invited to a Dutch Treat lunch following our Sunday of Service on April 7. For our next lunch, we will gather at The Reserve, 900 S Harwood St, Dallas, TX 75201. No RSVP needed!

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

### TUESDAY April 9 at 6:33pm – Glass Half Full Taproom

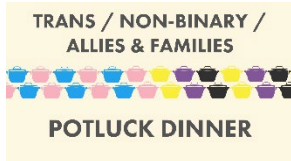
Everyone is invited to join us for a time to ask questions and have a discussion. Our topic changes each month. No book to read – just come with your questions and thoughts.

We will gather the Glass Half Full Taproom (Inside Alamo Draffhouse), 100 S Central Expy #14, Richardson, TX 75080.



## NEW CHURCH TRANSGENDER/NON-BINARY/ALLIES POTLUCK DINNER

### Saturday, April 20 at 6:33pm



Young adults and youth, families and friends are invited to attend this inter-generational gathering.

All are welcome to come and join in the fellowship and conversation. The hosts, Evie Wise and Sheri Vaden, the dinner host, are looking forward to welcoming you.

## ONLINE WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

Our Online Book Club begins this Wednesday, April 3 when we will gather on Zoom at 6:33 pm.

We will be reading and discussing the book *Beyond Belief* by renowned religion scholar Elaine Pagels. In this book, Pagels returns to her investigation of the "secret" Gospel of Thomas and breathes new life into writings once thought heretical. As she arrives at an ever-deeper conviction in her own faith, Pagels reveals how faith allows for a diversity of interpretations, and that the "rogue" voices of Christianity encourage and sustain "the recognition of the light within us all."

**new**church Guiding Scripture:

**Seek first the realm of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

*Matthew 6:33*

# NEW CHURCH INFORMATION

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## **newchurch** OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT

We are the newchurch — the Chiesa Nuova, United Church of Christ — who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. We are a community of faith witnessing to God's love and grace for persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance and theological perspective. As agents of reconciliation and wholeness, we pledge to stand against all forms of discrimination and to embrace all who are disenfranchised from church and community. Together in our diversity and empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

## **Did You Know...**

Chiesa (/ˈkjɛzə/) Nuova (/ˈnwo.vo/) is "New Church" in Italian. We include the Italian translation in our name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, whom we claim as the Patron Saint of **newchurch**.

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

**3/31**

10:00am

11:00am

12:00pm

1:00pm

## **Easter Sunday**

Easter Egg Hunt

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

Easter Reception

Courtyard

Easter Brunch at the Hudsons'

**4/07**

9:30am

11:00am

12:15pm

## **Sunday of Service — Online Worship Only**

Assemble Lunches

Distribute Lunches

Dutch Treat Lunch

**4/14**

11:00am

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

**4/17**

6:33pm

## **Online Book Club**

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

**4/20**

6:33pm

## **Transgender/Non-Binary/Allies Potluck Dinner**

Fellowship Hall

**4/21**

11:00am

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

**4/24**

6:33pm

## **Online Book Club**

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

**4/28**

11:00am

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP

**5/01**

6:33pm

## **Online Book Club**

ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP



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