

# BRIGHTER DAYS!

in the presence of Jesus, our Lord and Savior

## Courtyard Worship

Saturday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 11 at 8:15 a.m.

## Livestream Worship

Sunday, April 11 at 10:45 a.m.

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# 2ND WEEK OF EASTER BRIGHTER DAYS

**GATHERING MUSIC** 5:30/8:15 Lisa Boatman, 10:45 Maria Lyapkova

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *by Thom Schuman, adapted*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**All: But we see him in the lives  
of those transformed by grace.**

Pastor: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**All: But we have seen him in the faces  
of everyone around us,  
those like us and those unlike us.**

Pastor: We have not touched his wounds from the cross,

**All: But we have been called  
to bring healing to the scarred people and places of the world.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

**\*Song of Praise #389** vs 1-3, 5 *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching ev'ry place and time.

3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING...1 John 1:1-2:2 (NRSV)**

8:15 Joel Timmons, 10:45 Claudia Arredondo

<sup>1</sup> We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.  
Christ Our Advocate

<sup>2</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SONG OF RESPONSE** vs 2 ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks***

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

**\*GOSPEL READING...John 20:19-31 (NRSV)**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** vs 2

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks***

**MESSAGE In the Presence of Jesus, our Lord and Savior!**

*Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner*

**\*MESSAGE SONG** vs 1 & 3 *Sing a New Song*

*Refrain*

Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.

1 Yahweh's people dance for joy;  
oh, come before the Lord,  
and praise the Lord on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

3 Glad my soul, for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives. *Refrain*

**\*EASTER STATEMENT OF FAITH** by Rev. Andreas Wagner

I believe in the God of Easter morning  
Who awakens us from our darkest dreams  
And leads us into the light of a new day,  
Who meets our pessimism  
With stunning hope  
Of angelic proclamation.

I believe in the God of Easter Day  
Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives  
And empties the dark tomb for us;  
Who appears in surprising ways  
When we least expect it;  
Walking with us  
On our detours.

I believe in the God of Easter evening  
Who breaks into our closets and prisons,  
Bringing peace and crushing our fear.  
I believe in the risen Lord who meets us  
with wounds on his hands and feet;  
Who grants us his spirit,  
Sending us out  
To bring peace to the world.  
Amen.

### **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

8:15 Joel Timmons, 10:45 Claudia Arredondo

### **\*SHARING THE PEACE**

### **THANK OFFERING**

- To make a gift to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, go to [shephills.org/give](https://shephills.org/give).
- Take a picture of the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



### **GENEROSITY IMPACT**

### **THIS MATTERS!**

Julie Hudnall was an instrumental participant "on the ground" in our This Matters! campaign, serving on the Facilities Task Force, Building Task Force, and Construction Team! She reflects on how the campus renewal has impacted our life together:

"I believe stressing the renewal has allowed us to expand our community by the fantastic audio/video upgrades to allow Pastor Lauren & Tom to continue their leadership, teachings, sermons, guidance in such meaningful ways, especially when we first went on lockdown. We have been able to be a larger church without walls through the virtual ministry to reach people all over the country, plus ones who wouldn't feel comfortable attending church. It has allowed us to worship outdoors in a beautiful, uplifting setting. It has allowed our Butterfly mission to continue in a safe environment both for our staff/teachers and also parents and children. The renewal continues to impact our parishioners in many ways: Bible studies on Solomon's porch, communion outside; we have an abundance of wonderful ways to meet. The renewal impact continues to equip our church to thrive."

## **\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

### ***Give Thanks***

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks!

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
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 DISTRIBUTION

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus. God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “this is my body given for you”;  
Wine— “this is my blood shed for you.”*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** 10:45 Bells ***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service***

## COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*COMMISSIONING SONG #364** vs 1-3, 5 ***Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia***

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

#### Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo,  
and in its conquest his might did show. Refrain

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.  
Only the graveclothes are lying there." Refrain

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. Refrain

**\*COMMISSIONING** by *Nathan Nettleton*

Pastor: Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.  
Walk in the light;  
testify to the resurrection of Christ;  
forgive the sins of all.  
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

**POSTLUDE** 5:30/8:15 Lisa Boatman, 10:45 Sara Burden-McClure ***Toccata Widor***

**PRAYERS**

**Please pray** for Kristen Murray, Walter Buell, Lauren Paulson and Wanda Lowke

**Please pray** for Geneva Robertson, mother of John Robertson

**Please pray** for those who mourn for Dolores Smith, mother of Larry Smith

**We continue to pray** for all those affected by COVID-19, and for those caring for them. We give thanks for the hopefulness we are experiencing with more and more vaccinations each week. We look forward to the continued movement toward the end of this pandemic, and we pray for therapeutics and medical care to tend to those who fall ill.

**Please pray** for our global ministries: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala; Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti

**Please pray** for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring

**Please pray** for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

**Pastors**

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**Preaching Pastor**

Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**Director of Worship/Arts**

Kevin McClure

**Piano**

Maria Lyapkova

**AV**

(5:30) Jamie N., Peter Walsh, James Enochs

(8:15) Pete Forsberg, James Enochs

(10:45) Pete and Amanda Forsberg

**Bread**

Kitt Richter

**Easter Crosses**

Jackie Grotian-Chedsey & Violet Chedsey,

Alison Cannon

**Hosts**

(5:30) Nancy and Denny Etzler;

(8:15) Tim Stein and Amanda Forsberg

**Creative Media**

Dabney Gomes

**Director of Digital Media Arts**

Dave Wegner

**Ministry Coordinator**

Amanda Forsberg

# Witnesses to Brighter Days! Bible Studies

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Week of April 11 - Believing the Impossible: Abraham & Sarah

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Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Wednesdays @ 8:00 a.m. in-person on Solomon's Porch

Wednesdays @ 12:00 p.m. on Zoom

Thursdays for Men @ 7:15 a.m. on Zoom

*Zoom information on Realm Events Calendar*

# Brighter Days Wednesday Evenings!

**"Our Ministry Together as Easter People"**

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**Beginning April 14**

**7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

**Zoom information under Realm Events**

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**This Wednesday we will discuss re-gathering for Sanctuary Worship and plans for the Shepherd's Garden!**

# Life and Living Gathering

## Monday, April 12 @ 1:00p.m.

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**Join us on Zoom as we make time for support and fellowship for those dealing with chronic health issues**

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***Zoom information on Realm Events calendar or contact Pat Saul***

# FAITH 5



Share your highs and lows each day with one another.



Read a verse or short passage from your Bible.



Talk with your family about how the verse relates to your life.



Pray for one another's highs and lows.



Use your own blessing each night, or say: "(Name), you are a child of God."