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Disciples Christian Church

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We did it!

With some hair pulling, teeth grinding, tear spilling and a bunch of muttering, we have figured out how to do a live streaming of our service! A big, huge, phenomenal thank you goes out to Connie K., and my husband Cory. Connie kept her calm while I was doing my hair pulling and tear spilling, and Cory put up with a lot of muttering...or maybe he was muttering...oh well, together they got us through.

But another thank you goes out to each of you. Thank you for sticking with us, for letting us know you enjoyed it and for sharing. We have long talked about finding new and different ways to be the church, and this time of distancing has taught us how to do that in a new way. We will continue to live stream our services even after we are able to gather again. There will always be someone that needs to watch from home and now they will be able to.

Our next service will be Thursday night at 6pm and then Easter on Sunday at 10:30 am!

Details about each and how to join in will be emailed to you.

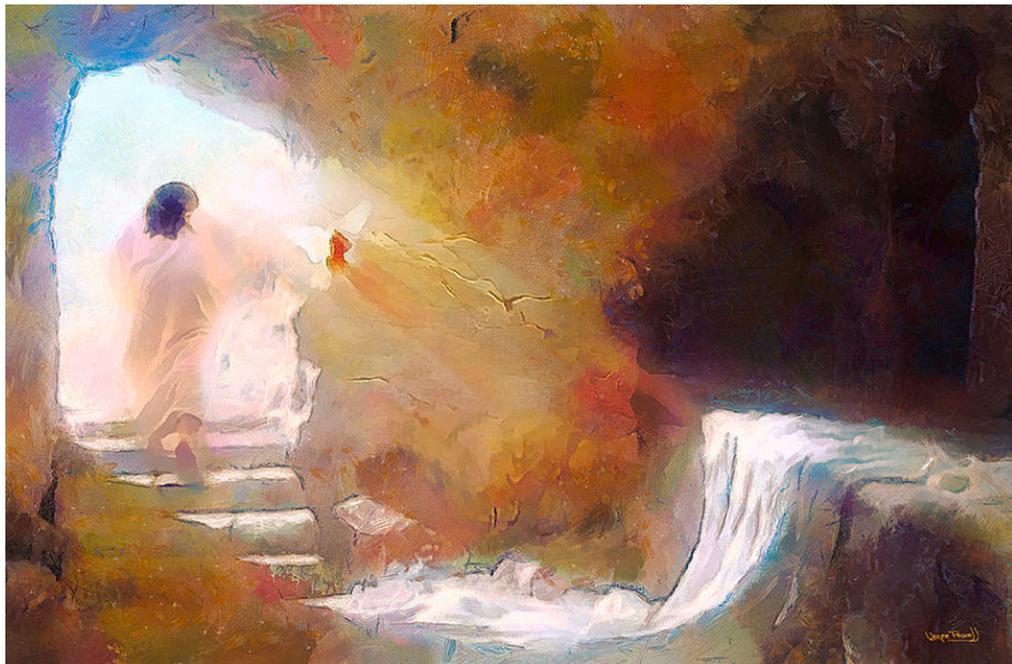
Thanks so much for sticking.

Easter Happens!

I don't remember a single Easter where I could not gather with others and celebrate the Risen Savior. I remember times when I chose not to go, but the option was always available to me. I enjoyed people watching. Men in suits, women in their new dresses and kids all dressed up. The church sanctuary seemed to sparkle more than usual and the music was a bit better, singing was louder and everyone smiled. Most of all, there was that magic moment where the Minister would raise their arms and declare "Christ has risen!" and we would all respond with a joyful "He has risen indeed!"

We are still going to gather this Easter, just differently. While we will not gather in person, I promise that the sanctuary will shine, the music will be better and the opportunity to sing out will be there. And yes, that moment will happen. I will proclaim that Christ Has Risen! And you will respond, joyfully and with enough gusto that the whole world hears it...He Has Risen Indeed!

So Sunday morning, go ahead and get dressed up however you would if you were coming to church. Join us online knowing that whether we gather together or not, the miracle of Easter still happens. Darkness does not overcome and death does not have the victory.

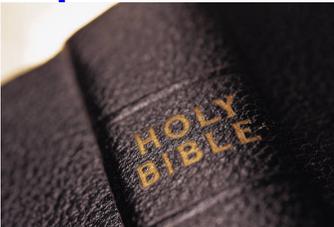


Joy

Rejoice in this day of life, being willing to follow me wholeheartedly – wherever I lead. Anticipate blessings as we journey together. Since I have created this day of life and presented it to you free of charge, I want you to receive it gratefully. Your natural tendency when you awaken is to assess the day before you, trying to discern how good (or bad) it will be. You do this almost unconsciously, often basing your conclusions on something as trivial as the weather. I urge you to break free from this habit so you can be more receptive to Me and My blessings.

BE UPLIFTED

From "Jesus Lives" by Lucinda Secrest McDowell



Easter Sunday

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

New Testament Reading: John 20:1–18

Sermon: "Weep No More Forever"

Supporting your church

A few of you have reached out and asked what the best way to continue to support your church is right now. Thank you! I want to let you know that the mail is checked daily, so you can either mail your contribution in or drop it off in an envelope in the mail box that is located at the bottom of the steps near the office. You can also contact Rick or Nancy if you would rather hand it to someone, or let me know and I can meet you at the office. Thank you again.

Plano Food Pantry needs for the month of April...and May

Have you been to a grocery store lately? It is a bit different than what we are used to. Shelves are empty and simple things like pasta, meat, bread, lunch meat, produce is hard to come by. As hard as it is for us, it is even harder for some who are limited to what they can get by loss of jobs, WIC, long shifts or simply not enough money. That is where food pantries come in. They offer food and comfort when that is sometimes hard to come by. Right now the Plano Food Pantry needs you, but differently than normal.

Each month we let you know of a certain type of item that is needed and you fill out wagons to overflowing. This month, and probably next month we will not be doing that. We are not going to ask you to go to the grocery store to stock up on something that might not be available and expose yourself to this virus. But you can still help.

Please, support the Plano Food Pantry through a cash/check donation. You can make that check payable to the church (and put Plano Food Pantry in the memo line) or to Plano Food Pantry. Mail it in (or drop off in the mail box) and we will make sure that that donation gets to where it needs to. One nice thing about this is that it allows the food pantry to buy in bulk just what is needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Here are the links to the YouTube services. We will stream live again for both Maundy Thursday at 6pm and Easter Sunday at 10:30 am

Thank you for joining us.

Maundy Thursday Link

<https://youtu.be/ZpVn29LhSxo>

Easter Link

<https://youtu.be/SWltqfwjlns>



In order to follow Jesus and worship God: We will live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in all we do; we will serve our neighbors; and we will minister to our fellow Christians.

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