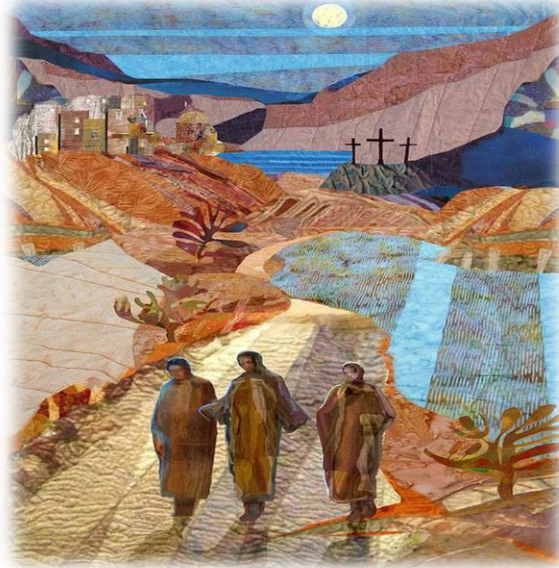


Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 23rd, 2023 | Third Sunday of Easter- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | 1 Peter 1:17-23 | Luke 24:13-35

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Steve Dill

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
Make known God's deeds among the nations!
**Sing to God with joyful songs;
tell of God's wonderful deeds!**

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

"Shout to the Lord"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Almighty God,
through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

The proof of God’s amazing love is this:
While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence.
In faith and penitence,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Jay Kanerva

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.
May the God of mercy,
who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

E \flat B \flat sus B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat C \flat 7

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

B \flat F B \flat E \flat A \flat E \flat B \flat

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Special Solo
“All Things New”

Shirley Kaczmariski

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Guide us, O God
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Psalm 116:1-4a, 36-41 (NIV)

- ¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
- ² Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“LORD, save me!”

¹² What shall I return to the LORD
for all his goodness to me?
¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.
¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful servants.
¹⁶ Truly I am your servant, LORD;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.
¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the LORD.
¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD—
in your midst, Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

Rev. Jay Kanerva

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he

was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

SERMON

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jay Kanerva

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?
**Let us lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

OFFERING

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Jay Kanerva

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five measures of music, and the second system contains five measures, starting with a measure number '6' above the first measure. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff of each system. The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both the treble and bass staves.

Sending



CLOSING SONG
“Power of Your Love”

Praise Team



CHARGE

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him.
Thanks be to God!



BENEDICTION

Rev. Jay Kanerva

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
may the Lord make her face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and may God grant you peace.
Amen.

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder
Brixey Family

Mary Smith
Bob Messersmith
Kelley Maerz
Kinquist Family

Heather Wolz
Kara Myers
Donna Lindsey

Members in a Care Facility

Arlene Walters

Friends of Our JCPC Family

Junia Thompson and Family- Missionaries
in Indonesia

Denise Kinquist- S. Kinquist sister

Friend of Heather Wolz

Mark Kesner, K. Doty's cousin

Melanie Williams-Harvey, R. Kinquist
sister

Charles Barnes, S. Tyler's son-in-law

Amelia Sanchez, S. Tyler's great
granddaughter

Kelly Koch, H. Wolz' uncle

Marie Gross, C. Lay's stepmother

Lola- H. Wolz niece

John- Lisa Schoonover's brother

Rob Hanson- Barb Hanson's son

Bea Albers- Lisa Schoonover's friend

Chad Grellner- friend of Ken and Mary
Myers

Laura Barnum- niece of Charles and Susan
Barnum

Rick Kraft- Mark Miller friend

Jerry Hahn- V. Messersmith brother -in-law

Norma Milisitch- H. Heberer & S. Tyler
friend

Jeanie Rhodes- Audrey Hahn's daughter
friend

Steve- Van Buren friend

Joys and Thanksgiving

Lois Smith- Myers neighbor

Arlene Turner- Mary Myers' aunt

Upcoming Events

JCPC/CHM Family Festival *Saturday, April 29th*

On Saturday, April 29th JCPC and CHM will host a combined free Family Festival event for the Bridgeton and Maryland Heights community. We are looking for a variety of help with this event, and we are asking anyone who is available to help to join us in representing our community of faith!

*If you are interested in helping with this event, please sign up in the fellowship area or contact Amy Brixey or the church office. There will be a **planning meeting following worship on Sunday, April 23rd**.*



Family Festival
Free event sponsored by
John Calvin Presbyterian
&
Community Helping Ministry
Saturday, April 29th 11am - 2pm
12120 Bridgeton Square Dr
Free Food
Games
Activities
50/50 Raffle
Donations of canned goods appreciated
jcpchurch.org

Faith Formation

Living the Lectionary Bible Study *Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM*

We invite you to join us Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 PM for our Living the Lectionary Bible Study. Each week we will explore how the upcoming lectionary texts speak to our daily lives and experiences as a people of faith. There is no preparation work necessary, and all are welcome to come and explore how these texts apply throughout our lives. Each month, on the last Wednesday, we gather at a local restaurant (Bridgeton Sports Café) for our Living the Lectionary ON TAP evenings (sign-up sheet available in welcome area). We invite you to join us in whatever way you feel most comfortable.

Women's Movie Discussion Group *Sunday Mornings | 9 AM*

Join our Sunday morning women's movie discussion group as they watch and discuss the film *Yentl* from April 16th to May 14th. Women are invited to arrive at 9 AM for a time of fellowship before we begin watching the film. We hope to see you soon!

Mission

Community Helping Ministry



CHM is asking for financial contributions during the March and April months *as well as donations of cereal*. Financial contributions can be made via CHM mailbox in church office and food contributions can be made in the **welcome area**. Please do not leave donated food in warehouse area.

TOTAL CONTACTS MADE WITH FAMILIES: 178 (includes Easter)

Families Receiving Assistance in Office: 59 (includes Easter)

INDIVIDUALS IN FAMILIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE: 174 (includes Easter)

NEW FAMILIES REQUESTING ASSISTANCE: 5

TOTAL VALUE OF IN-KIND SERVICES: \$5205.50

Are you or your family in need of food or any other kind of assistance?

Please contact Liza Browning at (314) 770-2216 or email communityhelpingministry@yahoo.com.

Worship at Life Care Center

Our outreach committee is looking for volunteers who may be interested in helping lead worship at the Bridgeton Life Care center. We are currently planning to hold a service each month at their facility as a ministry to those who call the Life Care Center home. We are looking for a variety of help, and if you are interested, please reach out to Amy Brixey (bisskut27@gmail.com).

Community

Sunday Morning Help Needed

We are looking for help with counting following Sunday morning worship and are looking for someone who can volunteer once or twice a month after worship. For additional details please contact Gil Elliott or the church office. Some computer experience requested.

Don't Miss Out on our Weekly Update email!

Don't miss out on receiving our weekly update email each Friday. This email provides important updates regarding life at JCPC and links to sign up for a variety of opportunities. To sign up to receive this email, visit JPCChurch.org.

Aaron Wolz

Upcoming Performances!

Sunday, May 7th- Meramac Community
College Theatre

Sunday, May 14th- Powell Hall- St. Louis
Symphony Youth Orchestra

Please submit announcements and information for weekly bulletin and website to Matt Miller (jcpcovd@gmail.com) no later than by the Tuesday of the desired week.

Presbytery Events and Information

FIRST TO FALL
BY KEN ELLINGWOOD

FREE
AUTHOR
EVENT

Sunday, April 23rd

2:00 PM

FAITH DES PERES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11155 CLAYTON RD., FRONTENAC, MO 63131



Brought to you by the History Work Group of the
Presbytery & Faith DesPeres Presbyterian Church

If slavery is America's original sin, then perhaps suppression of a free press is its second. Ellingwood's chronicle of the life of Elijah Lovejoy shows how both were intertwined on the Southern frontier of the 1830s. While a meticulously researched historical account, the story unfolds like a mystery. Despite knowing beforehand the fate that awaits Lovejoy, the reader is drawn in to the what-ifs and might-have-beens that may have kept him alive.



If you can't attend, scan and donate to keep the mission of the 82-year-old Choral Ensemble alive!



The LEGEND SINGERS



"Who'll be a Witness?: From the Cotton Field to the Red Carpet"

Concert and Education on African-American Spirituals
Presenter: Dr. Doris Jones Wilson, Director Emeritus

Sunday, April 30th, 2023

FREE Concert: 3pm



Trinity Presbyterian Church

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A freewill offering will
be taken to support
the choir



More information: www.legendssingers.org; info@legendssingers.org; 314-896-0662; @legendssingers

The Presbytery of
Giddings Lovejoy

Presbyterian Women Gathering

Making a Bigger Table



@ STL TPC

Registration is \$15 & includes lunch
Speakers are Liz Kanerva, Associate Presbytery Leader,
Dr. Damayanthi Niles from Eden Seminary,
& the Rev. Marybeth McBryan, Catholic priest.
Please register before May 1st by contacting:
Aline Russell at 618-531-6341 or alinegrussell@gmail.com

SATURDAY

MAY 6, 2023

Registration will begin at 9 am
Program will be 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

TAIWANESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS.
542 RIES RD.
BALLWIN, MO 63021

Get Involved this week!

Monday

7 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 766

Wednesday

6 PM | Living the Lectionary Bible Study
ON TAP at Bridgeton Sports Café

Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

Saturday

11 AM – 2 PM | Family Festival

April Birthdays

Lori Calvin 04/11

Melissa Dill 04/14

Kelly Maerz 04/17

Robin Kinqvist 04/20

Kara Myers 04/21

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering ¹
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group ² 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 am Board Game Sunday!	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 ³	⁴	11:00 am ROMEOS ⁵ 6:00 pm Passover Potluck Meal	6:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal ⁶ 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	12:00 pm Good Friday Service ⁷	⁸
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Welcome to John Calvin Presbyterian Church

We are so glad you are here!

- Please feel free to stop by our welcome area and get a nametag if you do not already have one.
- Our worship and communion services are open to all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your time with us more welcoming and comfortable.
- Please see any of our greeters or ushers if you have any accessibility needs/requests.
- **Restrooms** are located across the hall from the sanctuary entrance as well as in the fellowship area. Please see an usher if you need directions.
- Please feel free to join us for fellowship time following worship!

For more information on John Calvin Presbyterian Church, please visit JCPChurch.org!

Do you have a passion to serve?

We are always in need of members and volunteers to help serve in various ways at John Calvin Presbyterian Church! If you feel called to serve, please contact the church office, or see any of the worship stewards, and we will be happy to connect you with the appropriate team!

**“There is one body, but many parts. But all parts make up one body.
So it is with Christ.”**
-1 Corinthians 12:12-

Thank you for your consideration!