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From the Pastor

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Easter, and we continue our Eastertide journey. Eastertide is the 49 days from Easter to the day before Pentecost and is a period that invites us to continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and to consider how our lives are transformed by it. We are Easter people not just for one day a year but all the other 364/5 days as well. Eastertide is when "the rubber meets the road" so to speak. We are challenged to put feet to our faith and to live as though Jesus' resurrection makes a difference - because it makes ALL the difference.

Throughout Eastertide we will journey through the Revised Common Lectionary texts each week and explore how the scripture invites us to experience the Risen Christ while living out our calling as a Matthew 25 congregation. For more information about the Revised Common Lectionary, click [here](#). For all the scripture readings for each Sunday, click [here](#). For information about what it means to be a Matthew 25 congregation, click [here](#).

Each week of Eastertide, you will be invited to be on the lookout to experience the Risen Christ in the world around you and to share that experience in a picture, story, poem, etc. A screen in the chancel serves as a display area for these sightings. You may include your name or not on your reflection; however, please put your name on the back of your offering if you wish for it to be returned to you after Pentecost. You may also email me things you'd like to share by clicking [here](#). The challenge for last week was to experience the Risen Christ in Easter people in action. It could be at UPC. It could be in the community. It could be something on the news or in a book or a song. Where did you experience the Risen Christ?

This week Reverend Stan Webster will lead worship while Dave and I are visiting family. Pastor Stan is a retired PC-USA pastor. He led worship at UPC about a year ago, but his wife Lauralee was not able to join him then. This Sunday UPC has the chance to share the hospitality of Christ with both Websters.

To prepare for this Sunday's worship, I encourage you to read John 10:11-18 where Jesus explains that he is the Good Shepherd. Imagine you were among those gathered. Are Jesus' words comforting or challenging? Why? What does Jesus' description of himself suggest to us about the nature of God? How might that inform how we understand what it means to belong to God-in-Christ and what it means to be a disciple?

Then, read and pray about Psalm 23. Taken in tandem, how might the Spirit be using these texts to reassure us and to instruct us as individual disciples and as a faith family? How do they help us to see the Risen Lord in the world around us? Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

The church office will be closed this week. Dave & I will be visiting family until Thursday evening. Lori & John will be in Florida until May 1st. The On-Call list will be in next week's prayer update. Office voice mail and email will be checked once a day.

What do Presbyterians Believe? Sunday 4/7, 4/14 and 4/28 9am in the Family Room

Come all adults & youth to learn more about Presbyterian beliefs, history, and heritage! Whether you are brand new and just visiting or if you've been Presbyterian your whole life, this collaborative class is for you.

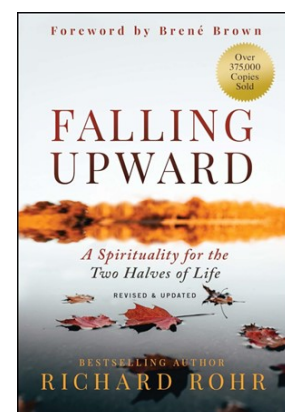
We will receive new members on Sunday, May 5. This class is not required for membership; however, it is helpful if you're feeling led to make your relationship with UPC official.

Are you ready to make your relationship with UPC official?

We will receive new members on **Sunday, May 5th**. In our tradition members are received by profession of faith and baptism if not previously baptized, by transfer of letter if previously members of another congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith if previously baptized but ready to make a renewal of faith commitment. Please contact Pastor Lisa for more information.

Study of *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr
1st & 3rd Thursdays 7pm next study 5/2
OR
2nd & 4th Sundays after worship
next study 4/28 (Bring your lunch.)

Most of us tend to think of the second half of life in chronological terms, but this book proposes a different paradigm. Spiritual maturity is found "when we begin to pay attention and seek integrity" through a shift from our "outer task" to the "inner task." What looks like falling down can be experienced as falling upward—and is not necessarily connected with aging. This new edition focuses on practical guidance that you can use to live a life of love and meaning in a world of suffering and challenge. *Falling*



Upward is an invitation to living the gospel and a call to ongoing transformation.

Bring your own book, or contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you would like her to order one for you. Books are \$24. Contact Pastor Lisa if the cost is a barrier. Finances will never inhabit someone's participation in a study at UPC.

Schedule for This Week

4th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 21st

9:30am Choir Warmup
10am Worship

3pm Resplendor de Gloria

Monday, April 22nd

9am Yoga
7pm Boy Scouts #805

Tuesday, April 23rd

6:30pm Cub Scouts #3805

Wednesday, April 24th

9am Yoga
6:30pm Choir
7pm Abraham's Pantry mtg
8pm AA

Thursday, April 25th

6:30pm Deacons-elect training
7pm Resplendor de Gloria

Friday, April 26th

9am Yoga

5th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28th

9am What do Presbyterians Believe?
9:15am K-5th Sunday School
9:30am Choir Warmup
10am Worship

Falling Upward study after worship

3pm Resplendor de Gloria



BIRTHDAYS

4/19 - Kim Fry
4/20 - Jim Palmer
4/23 - Kim Springer
4/24 - Kurt Lintelman
4/26 - Sue Kozlowski
5/2 - Yani Wirasakti
5/16 - Brian Fry, Miranda Kavanaugh
5/16 - Dottie Dawson
5/18 - Jacob Brooks
5/19 - Andrea Vanzant



ANNIVERSARIES

5/12 - Tim & Lynn Jasensky
Brian & Laura Pears



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