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April 5, 2024

From the Pastor

First of all, "Thank you!" to everyone who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Holy Week worship services possible, and to everyone who participated in our amazing Resurrection celebration. It was a communal effort to create a truly holy week! We are all blessed by your generosity. Thanks be to God!

Second of all - Happy Easter! No, I'm not confused. I know Easter Sunday was last Sunday, but..did you know that Easter is a whole liturgical season? Actually, it's Eastertide, but the point is that Easter lasts longer than just one day. 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.

In his resurrection, Jesus the Christ broke the chains of sin and death for all of creation and transformed us into Easter people. 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](#).

To prepare for this Sunday's worship, I encourage you to read Acts 8:32-35. The people with whom Peter and John were sharing the good news of the Risen Christ were moved by the Spirit and were "of one heart and soul" and and put Easter into action. Think and pray about these texts. With whom do you identify in the story - Peter & John? the religious officials? the people who

came to believe? On this side of the resurrection with whom do you believe? How might the Spirit be leading us to be Easter people in action as individual disciples and as a community of faith?

The challenge for this week is to look for 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. Take a picture. Jot it down. Etc and bring it or email it to share with God's people in worship next Sunday. Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

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.



Worship through Service and Lunch Sunday, April 7th

We are gathering for worship as usual on the first Sunday after Easter, but then we will divide into groups and worship God through service then reconvene to break bread together at the lunch table. There are projects for all ages and abilities. All supplies are provided - except gloves for weeding. Click [here](#) to register. Registration is not required; however it helps ensure there are enough supplies and enough lunch.

The Presbytery of Cincinnati Center for Learning
presents Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow
"Everything Good About God is True"
Wednesday April 10, 2024 1 - 4pm
Lakeside Presbyterian Church

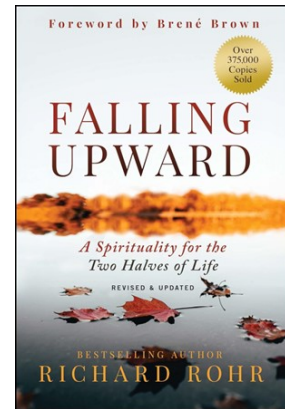


Books are free for attendees. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#) if you would like to carpool. This is an exciting opportunity to experience Bruce Reyes-Chow and his insightful, thoughtful work! Bruce is a former PC-USA moderator, excellent preacher & pastor, prolific blogger and writer, and sought-after keynote speaker. RSVPs Required! Email bud@cpresby.org or sheryl@cpresby.org

Thursday, April 11th at 6:30pm
UPC's Affirmation & Allies Ministry & Florence Christian's Diversity by
Design Ministry will meet in the UPC Choir Room.

This informal gathering is a time to get to know each other and to explore how the Spirit might be calling us to collaborate to better serve and understand our LGBTQ+ siblings' experiences and life in the community and to work together to make this a safe and loving community for all.

Study of *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr
1st & 3rd Thursdays 7pm next study 4/18
OR
2nd & 4th Sundays after worship
next study 4/14 (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

2nd Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 7th

9am What do Presbyterians believe?

10a Worship through Service

Lunch provided after worship

3pm Resplendor de Gloria

Monday, April 8th

9am Yoga

7pm Boy Scouts #805

Tuesday, April 9th

6:30pm Cub Scouts #3805

6:45pm Finance Ministry

Wednesday, April 10th



BIRTHDAYS

4/7 - Parker Lastivka

4/10 - Holly

VonLehman

4/13 - Ellie Fry,

Lori Ruwe

4/14 - Ollie Seidman

4/16 - Kevin Gllbert,

Dave Stenner

4/17 - Ken Kenkel,

Jacque Sherwood,

Trevor Stenner

4/19 - Kim Fry

4/20 - Jim Palmer



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9am Yoga
1pm Bruce Reyes-Chow @
Lakeside Presbyterian
6:30pm No Choir
8pm AA

4/23 - Kim Springer
4/24 - Kurt Lintelman
4/26 - Sue Kozlowski
5/2 - Yani Wirasakti

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Thursday, April 11th
6:30pm Affirmation and Allies Ministry
7pm Resplendor de Gloria



Friday, April 12th
9am Yoga
6pm Girl Scouts #2146

ANNIVERSARIES

4/11 - Russ & JoAnna Houchins

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14th

9am What do Presbyterians believe?
9:15am K-5th Sunday School
10a Worship

Falling Upward after worship
Elementary Parent VBS &
Worship chat after worship

3pm Resplendor de Gloria

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