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*From the Pastor*

This Sunday is the third 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 we will reflect on the disciples' encounter with the Risen Christ in the locked upper room. To prepare for this Sunday's worship, I encourage you to read Luke 24:36-48. Afraid the authorities responsible for crucifying Jesus were looking for them, the eleven were hiding behind locked doors. They were trying to make sense of the rumors that Jesus had risen when Jesus appears in the room. Think and pray about this text. How would you have reacted to Jesus' appearance? How would you have reacted to Jesus' words? Then, think and pray about how the Spirit might be using this text to challenge us as individual disciples and as a faith family to receive the gospel, to encounter the Risen Lord, and to share the good news?

The challenge for this week is to experience the Risen Lord in the midst of fear

and doubt - your own fear & doubt or that of others. 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.

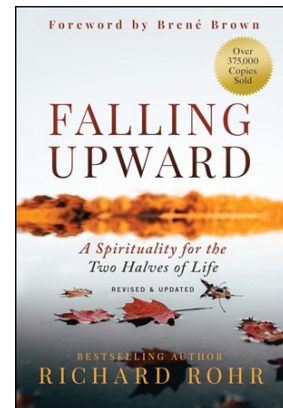


## Worship Through Service Feedback

This past Sunday, April 7th was Worship Through Service, and we need your feedback to discern the Spirit's leading in the future. Please click [here](#) to share your wisdom and experience. Thank you in advance for your time and insight!

## 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

### 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

1pm Officer Training

3pm Resplandor de Gloria

#### Monday, April 15th

9am Yoga

6:30pm Session

7pm Boy Scouts #805

#### Tuesday, April 16th

6:30pm Cub Scouts #3805

7p Stitched in Prayer Ministry

#### Wednesday, April 17th

9am Yoga

Noon SafetyNet Alliance

@ St. John's UCC

6:30pm Choir

8pm AA

#### Thursday, April 18th

11am UPSeniors @ Longhorn

7pm Resplandor de Gloria

#### Friday, April 19th

9am Yoga

6pm Girl Scouts #2146

### 4th Sunday of Easter

#### Sunday, April 21st

9:30am Choir Warmup

10am Worship

3pm Resplandor de Gloria



## BIRTHDAYS

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

4/23 - Kim Springer

4/24 - Kurt Lintelman

4/26 - Sue Kozlowski

5/2 - Yani Wirasakti

5/16 - Brian Fry, Miranda

Kavanaugh



## ANNIVERSARIES

5/12 - Tim & Lynn

Jasensky

Brian & Laura Pears



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