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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.

I must admit that it has been a challenge this past week to cling to our identity as an Easter people when the US threatened an entire nation with genocide. Historical allies are distancing themselves from the US, and strange new dangerous alliances seem to be forming. It feels as though old norms of dealing with conflict are crumbling, and the entire planet is off kilter and anxious. [Side note: I encourage you to find a reliable, trustworthy news source and to take care of your body, mind and spirit.]

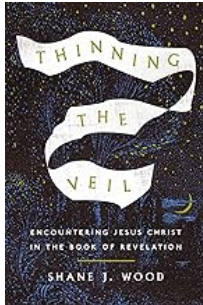
It was into such uncertainty, anxiety and fear that Jesus was resurrected, and being an Easter people seemed to be an impossible reality to embrace. In fact, the disciple Thomas said he didn't care how many people told him Jesus was risen, he wouldn't believe it until he saw Jesus with his own eyes and touched him. And...Jesus showed up. Thomas frequently gets a bad rap from a particular misunderstanding of Jesus' response to Thomas' need for assurance. I suspect I'm not the only one who resonates with Thomas - especially this Easter.

Guess what the lectionary text is this week?!? That's right - Thomas' encounter with the Risen Lord. To prepare for this Sunday's worship, I encourage you to read John 20:19-31. How does this story touch you this Easter? With whom do

you identify in the story? How the Spirit be using this text to comfort us, to challenge us and to remind us that we are ALWAYS an Easter people?

Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa



Thinning the Veil: Rediscovering Revelation Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati Friday, April 17 & Saturday, April 18

Have you ever felt unsure about the book of Revelation? You're not alone. Its imagery and symbolism can feel overwhelming. But Revelation was given to encourage believers—not confuse them.

Join us for a clear and accessible study designed for church members and ministry leaders. Together we will discover:

- What Revelation meant to its first readers
- How it connects to the Old Testament
- Why its message gives believers courage today
- How it points us to the victory of Jesus Christ

Join us for this conference with seminars:

- Friday, April 17 at 7 PM
- Saturday, April 18 at 1 PM

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Please be in prayer for our newly elected officers!

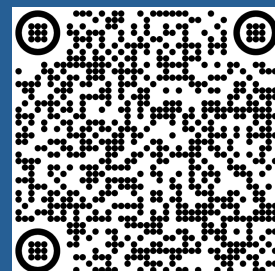
Please be in prayer for our officers elect: Kevin Dern and Mark Highland – elders; Hayden Monson, Ruth Ann Sloan and Sheila Wenstrup – deacons. They begin their training Sunday after worship. They will be ordained and/or installed on Pentecost Sunday May 24.

[Schedule for This Week](#)

2nd Sunday of Eastertide
[Sunday, April 12](#)
9:30am Choir Warm-Up
10am Worship



[BIRTHDAYS](#)



After worship K-3rd, 4th - 7th
and Adult Sunday School

Officer Training after worship

5:30p - 7:30p NKY Youth
Putt-putt Fun Center, Erlanger

Monday, April 13th

9:30am Chair Yoga
6:45pm Finance Ministry
7pm Boy Scouts Troop 805

Tuesday, April 14th

6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 3805
Welcoming Ministry
& Deacons mtg

Wednesday, April 15th

9:30am Chair Yoga
6:30pm Choir Practice
Girl Scout Troop 2830
8pm AA

Thursday, April 16th

11am UPSeniors Lunch @
Outback Florence

Friday, April 17th

9:30am Chair Yoga

Saturday, April 18th

Presbytery of Cincinnati mtg @
Covenant-First Pres. 10am

3rd Sunday of Eastertide

Sunday, April 19

9:30am Choir Warm-Up
10am Worship

Officer Training after worship

5:30p - 7:30p NKY Youth
Dinner & Gathering @ Lakeside
PC

4/10 - Holly VonLehman
4/13 - Lori Ruwe
4/14 - Ollie Seidman
4/16 - Kevin Gilbert,
Dave Stenner
4/17 - 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
5/3 - Michelle Hoffman
5/16 - Brian Fry,
Danni Kavanaugh
5/19 - Jacob Brooks

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credit card or debit card and
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Brian & Laura Pears

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