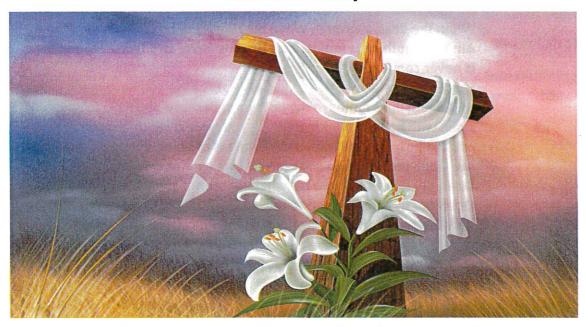


March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday



VISITORS: Please fill out a contact card from the welcome table and put it in the offering tray on your way out if you would appreciate a response from Pastor Colleen, or to be added to our email list. Thank you for worshiping with us today!



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Order of Worship

Prelude and Entrance of the Light

Chris Greninger, Pianist/Organist

Welcome Pastor Carroll

Pastor: Christ the Lord is risen! What say you, Church?

All: Christ is risen indeed! Halleluia!

Introit

"Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

Children's Bells Ensemble

Music: Caribbean, Public Domain

Call to Worship

Leader: What are we to make of this day? When graves are opened... When the dead awaken... When life refuses to be contained...

All: Then nothing is impossible! Hope is never extinguished, and love is never conquered.

Leader: We celebrate You today, Jesus, Because You have made it clear that death does not have the last word; Because You have filled us again with hope and faith; Because You have given us a vision of new possibilities, new realities, and new ways of being.

All: Open our minds to believe what we cannot explain;
Open our hearts to hope for what we cannot see;
Open our lives to live and to love in the midst of death and despair;
Let resurrection happen again in us today. Amen

John van de Laar, Sacredise.com @2009

Opening Hymns

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Chalice Hymnal #216, Stz. 1,2,4

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"Lift High the Cross"

Chalice Hymnal #108, Stz. 1,3,4

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Invitation to Prayer (You may light candles at either station to aid in your personal prayer time prior to corporate prayer. Leave written requests in the offering plate by the sanctuary entrance.)

Prayer Hymn

"In the Garden" Chalice Hymnal #227, Stz. 1,2

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Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Pastor Carroll

Choral Anthem

"I Will Rise"

Chancel Choir

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Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12 (NRSV*)

Susan Wolfenbarger

Sermon

"Irrepressible Life"

Pastor Carroll

Hymn of Preparation

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Chalice Hymnal #222

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Communion Meditation and Prayer

Betsy Wheeler, Elder

Words of Institution

Pastor Carroll

Participation (Please come forward to partake at one of two stations before returning to your pew by the center aisle. Notify the diaconate if you prefer to be served while seated.)

Offertory

Betsy Wheeler, Elder

Mission Challenge and Announcements

Pastor Carroll

Closing Hymn and The Light Goes Before Us

"He Lives!"

Chalice Hymnal #226

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Benediction

Postlude

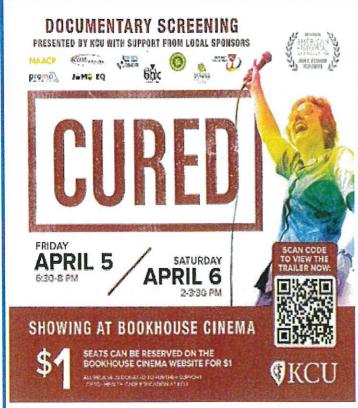
Chris Greninger

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We worship in spirit today with Global Ministries Mission focus for Greece. Our prayer partners for Greece Partners are Evangelical Church of Greece; Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East; and Social Work Foundation.

For more information go to www.globalministries.org



SJCC Sponsorship for Screening of "Cured"

Our outreach team has invested \$100 to co-sponsor a documentary being brought to Joplin by Kansas City University Medical School on April 5 and 6. The film "illuminates a pivotal yet largely unknown chapter in the struggle for LGBTQ equality: the campaign that led the American Psychiatric Association (APA) to remove the diagnosis of homosexuality from its manual of mental illnesses." (cureddocumentary.com) Tickets are \$1 in advance for a reserved seat or free at the door.

This Week at South Joplin Christian Church

Monday, April 1 April Fool's Day

Tuesday, April 2 10:00 am Faith Formation Mtg. (SJCC Office)

Wednesday, April 3 9:00 am - Noon CWF

6:30 pm Choir

Friday, April 5 6:30 pm "Cured" Documentary (Bookhouse Cinema) Saturday, April 6 2:00 pm "Cured" Documentary (Bookhouse Cinema)

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2:00 pm Bench Hunger (Body & Soul Transformation

Gym)

Sunday, April 7 9:30 am S.S.

10:20 am Fellowship

10:45 am Worship/CW&W

4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection