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Easter Isn't Over

As I look ahead to my sermon text for Sunday (Acts 1:1-14), I'm reminded of the need to not rush past Easter.

Our tradition has never focused much on the liturgical calendar, but we are in the season of Easter. That's correct, Easter is a season. We live in light of the resurrection. The tomb is still empty, and this time of year teaches us to live in light of the resurrection.

This was a challenge to the apostles in the days following the resurrection. We know this by looking at the questions they ask the risen Jesus.

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts 1:6 NIV

Restoration is a beautiful idea, but the resurrection isn't about restoration. It's about transformation. The apostles were hoping for a restoration of an old system, but Jesus was focused on a transformation of his followers on the resurrection side of the cross. Rather than living in the shadow of the grave, we live in the light of the resurrection!

Restoration is about preserving the old. Resurrection is about being transformed into something new.

So how do we live in a season of resurrection? Perhaps we begin living as the new creation that God intends us to be in Christ. Paul summarizes our mission this way.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NIV

"...we might become the righteousness of God." Notice the transformation language? God doesn't want to restore the old, he wants us to become a new creation.

As ambassadors of Christ, we call people forward into the new, but we ourselves must first be living as new creatures. We don't live in the past, we don't operate in our old thinking, we don't stay stuck in the pain and shame of past wrongs. We are made new, and we walk forward in that newness of life.

This week I encourage you to live in light of the resurrection. Leave your past in the past, and move forward as a new creation, transformed by the hope of the empty tomb. He is risen! And that truth is what makes new creation possible in our lives.

- Matthew Stidham

Gospel of Luke

Bible Class

Led by Trent Herbert

We should finish Chapter 9 this week.

Study Questions

1. Why did Jesus send out the twelve?
2. What were the disciples teaching and preaching as they went out?
3. Should this be an example of evangelism to us today?
4. Why did Jesus say to shake the dust off of their feet?
5. Why was Herod interested in seeing Jesus?
6. When Jesus fed the crowd, was there a reason?
7. What can we draw from the feeding of the 5,000?
8. Why did Jesus tell His disciples not to say who He was?
9. Explain what it means to take up your cross daily?
10. What was the Kingdom that Jesus was speaking of in vs 27?
11. What was wrong with Peter's response to seeing Moses and Elijah?
12. Who was Jesus rebuking in vs 41?
13. Luke records Jesus giving examples of disciples that give excuses why they cannot follow Jesus, what are some that we give?

Jesus is continuing His ministry, crisscrossing the lake, healing and casting out demons. These are windows into the lives of the disciples and the people that Jesus helps. In chapter nine Jesus starts to turn toward Jerusalem and the cross. He knows His time coming, and He needs His disciples to be ready for the challenges that will come their way. I encourage you to check out our class on Luke. We do a weekly review of previous chapters so no one will be behind. Come and share as the scriptures come to life and we learn about the context and background of many Jewish customs and people.

Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Call Laura Fry or
360-876-2604
for Zoom Meeting ID

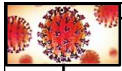
Our Prayer List

- Darlene Woodrow passed away at 11:54 P M Monday, April 5, 2021. Renny was notified about 10:30 last night that Darlene's kidneys were shutting down. Renny and Pam were able to get to the hospital to say their goodbyes. Please pray for the Woodrow family and Darlene's children, Garrett and Amanda, and her mother and siblings.
- From Sarah Benjamin: My grandmother passed away and now my grandfather has been diagnosed with blood cancer and is going downhill. These are both my dad's parents, and it's been tough. Both had Covid, which made things harder also.
- Continue to pray for René Powless' mother Irene. Pray for her comfort. Also pray for René, who takes care of her on the weekends.
- Ryan Meyers; pray for his at-home recovery.
- Continue praying for Tim Colwell.
- Karen Taylor has requested prayers for her friend, Debbie Nagel for healing, both physically and spiritually.
- Ken Avery and Frankie Gower as they await definite dates for surgery. Pray also for their medical staff.
- Pat Woodrow is home now. Pray for her recovery.
- Pray for Daniel's continued healing.
- Pray for Trent and those who are involved in the Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday evenings.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.



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- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video.
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MASK UP.
SIX FEET.
SMALL GROUPS.

It takes all THREE.

Sunday Worship

There **WILL** be “in-person” worship on

April 11, 2021

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ



Speaker: Avery Stafford
Communion: Jim Sneed

You may also worship from the Parking Lot:
Tune your radio to 93.1 FM
You must be in the parking lot to tune in.

Bible Classes - 9:30 - 10:15am

Adult Class: James Greer is teaching a class upstairs in the auditorium.

Children’s Class will be downstairs in the open fellowship area; not in classrooms. Helpers are needed. Please contact the office if you want to assist!

Worship in the auditorium begins at 10:30am

Men are needed to help lead our worship by offering a prayer, leading a communion thought, reading the scripture, or preaching a sermon.

Please contact the office to volunteer. If you would like help to prepare, let us know.

Children’s Church downstairs: Children will be dismissed after communion.

Helpers are also needed here. Please contact the office if you want to assist!

We think it’s important for the children and adults to come together in worship. We will be following all of the protocol necessary to do that safely!

If you have concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to share!

Happy Birthday!

April: Jacob Hammock – 10, Brandon Karn – 10, Jarrod Coley – 12, Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17, Jasper Smith – 22, Lori Sanders – 28.

May: Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, Anna Harris – 4, John Bickle – 5, Brandon Delay – 9, Julia Karn – 17, Jason Hooper II – 19, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26, Gene Gerard – 28, Sarah Hill - 31

Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments

The Ladies Prayer Group meets online using the Zoom app. The meeting starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays. If you would like to participate, contact Laura Fry for login information.

Warming Center

Changes are coming soon, but clothes are still being collected. Continue to pray for the homeless in our community. God Bless each one. Please bring with you on Sunday morning, or Jim will pick them up and deliver them. - Jim & Cindy Snead

Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, but not able to pass the offering plate, there is a tithe box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) The collection box will be at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ
4135 Carr Lane SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366

April 4, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 3,240.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

Restore My Soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5R2xEFJSmo0>

Verse 1

Restore my spirit Lord
I need restored (Lord You know that)
My heart is weary
Please help me dear Lord
I stand in need of more
Strength from Your word
Renew my love rebuild my faith
Oh restore my soul

Verse 2

Revive the fire Lord
Deep in my soul (won't You Lord)
Stir my desire
To work in Your fold
Light in my heart dear God
Your zeal grown cold
Renew my love rebuild my faith
Oh restore my soul

Verse 3

Renew my courage Lord
It needs restored (yes it does for)
My cup is empty
Refill it dear Lord
Replace all doubts and fear
With faith so bold
Renew my love rebuild my faith
Oh restore my soul



**SONG
OF THE
WEEK**

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