

# A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ

## April 16, 2023

### What Happened After Easter?

2,000 years ago, [Jesus conquered death forever](#). [The stone was rolled away from the empty tomb](#), and [we were given new life in Christ](#).

#### But what happened next?

1. Jesus showed up.

Jesus spent 40 days on earth after His resurrection. During this time, He [eased His followers' doubts](#) and gave them direction for the future.

[Jesus didn't shout His love from heaven. He showed His love on earth.](#) Today He does the same. He is still near, ready to [hear our cries](#) and [heal our hearts](#).

2. Jesus modeled community.

[From breaking bread on the road to Emmaus](#), to [having breakfast on the beach with His disciples](#), we see Jesus make time for relationships.

Jesus was never too busy to stop and show He cared. As His followers, we're called to intentionally serve people in our families, workplaces, and cities.

Just like Jesus, you can prioritize your community. Center your friendships on God's Word by adding Friends in YouVersion.

3. Jesus comforted the broken.

When Jesus came back, He wasn't frustrated that His disciples hadn't understood His plan. He met them in their uncertainty and fear instead.

[Jesus consoled the woman weeping at the empty tomb. He eased Thomas' doubts. He spoke words of life and peace.](#)

Today, our Savior still has grace for our questions and confusion. [He still draws near when our hearts are broken.](#)

4. Jesus redeemed mistakes.

Before the crucifixion, [Peter denied knowing Jesus three times](#). [Later, we see Jesus restore Peter by asking Him three times if he loves Him, and instructing Peter to care for His people.](#)

Even though Peter stumbled in his faith, it didn't cancel his identity in Christ.

In the same way, [we can trust that God's power is made perfect in our weakness.](#)

5. Jesus instructed and empowered.

Right before [Jesus ascended into heaven](#), He told His followers to "[go and make disciples of every nation](#)."

With these instructions, we're called to live every day with intentionality, looking for opportunities to share the Gospel.

It's our job to show people what it means to know God and to make Him known.

Share God's Word with the people in your life today.

Easter might be over, but what it means for us matters all year long.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we're able to access God's grace, presence, and reassurance like never before—forever.

- [YouVersion](#) - April 19, 2022

Just a  
thought...

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- John 18:17-18, 25-27

Later, we see Jesus restore Peter by asking Him three times if he loves Him, and instructing Peter to care for His people.

- John 21:15-17

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it didn't cancel his identity in Christ.**

In the same way, we can trust that God's power is made perfect in our weakness.

- 2 Corinthians 12:9

## Our Prayer List

- Please lift Gary White up in your prayers. He was in the ER Tuesday night with a bad kidney infection. He is still in pain. They are waiting on blood test results hoping it hasn't entered into his blood.
- It is with great sadness that Kari Schmeltzer's father, Lucille Lowe's son, passed away today. Please pray for the family for peace that only God can give.
- Pray for the family and loved ones of Heather Velez's aunt who passed away last week yesterday.
- Request from Brooke Armenta: Please pray for me. I've been so light headed and dizzy it scares me. This year has been so hard for me and my family. I'm praying for healing over my body and blessings of peace. Thank you.
- Continued prayers are requested for Daniel (Fry's grandson) and his mother, Lisa.
- Lynn and Virginia Chapman aren't recovering very quickly from the flu they had. Pray for their recovery.
- Tony DelBarto is now at home and is daily improving. He is grateful for all the prayers on his behalf.
- Lift Mary Carter and her loved ones in prayers over the passing of her husband Ruben.
- Keep Barbara Byrd in your prayers. She isn't doing very well.
- Pray for Paula Hill's father, Ken Stratton who is recovering from a fall and is in a lot of pain.
- Pray for Jim Scott and family over the passing of his wife Theresa.
- Please continue prayers for Zach and Meredith's twins who are now at 2 lbs. and are growing. The concerns are their brains are ok.
- Please add our recent baptisms to your prayer list so we can help them grow: Greg Wood and his daughter Alexia Wood, Stafford Carter, Stan Whisenant, Hal Williams, Rich Hurd, Barbra Forani, Ben Thomas, and Danika Armenta and Josephine Saiz.
- Pray for the Mercy Mobile ministry, led by Cisco and Heather Velez as they minister to the homeless.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings, both physical and spiritual.
- Pray that the rampant drugs running in our community can be curtailed.
- Pray for wisdom for those who enforce drug abuse and for their safety.
- Pray for our leadership team and all our ministries.

### **Mercy-Mobile Fund-Raising Day Sunday, April 30, 2023**

There will be a special offering Sunday morning April 30<sup>th</sup> to allow us to continue to be involved in the Mercy-Mobile ministry as they continue to provide food to the homeless in South Kitsap.

This ministry not only provides food for the homeless, but has also brought people to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Matthew 25:40

## POCOC Web Site ( <http://pococ.weebly.com/> )

- Weekly Bulletin – Go to <http://pococ.weebly.com/> then click on Bulletin & Newsletters
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online. Click on Teachings
- Current Event Calendar - Click on News & Events
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous video recordings, too:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ) then click on the desired video.  
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<b>Sunday Worship for April 16, 2023</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children’s Church after communion)  Watch live-stream or after our worship time: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ</a>					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Praise Team	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Dave Snynn	Communion: Fuzzy Volpitta	Offering: Wayne Hammock
May Servers – Brian Bungart   Dave Lawrence   Elijah Herbert   Terry Bratcher					
<b>9:30 am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium Trent Herbert			<b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
<b>Men’s Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			<b>Ladies in the Word</b> Conference Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<b>Bible Class &amp; Prayer</b> Ephesians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> LaDonna's home Thursdays 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			April 9, 2023 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 6,932.00		
			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					

### **Communion and Tithes & Offerings**

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer 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 below. We have a lock mailbox.

## Happy Birthday!

**April:** Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17.

**May:** Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, Julia Karn – 17, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26.

# Gratitude

## Verse 1

All my words fall short  
I got nothing new  
How could I express  
All my gratitude

## Verse 2

I could sing these songs  
As I often do  
But every song must end  
And You never do

## Chorus

So I throw up my hands  
And praise You again and again  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah  
And I know it's not much  
But I've nothing else fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah  
Hallelujah

## Verse 3

I've got one response  
I've got just one move  
With my arms stretched wide  
I will worship You

## Bridge

Come on my soul  
Oh don't you get shy on me  
Lift up your song  
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs  
Get up and praise the Lord

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"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

- Colossians 3:16

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD."

Psalms 150:6



<https://youtu.be/cD3xUCGPUa>

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