

07 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ

...your
redemption
is drawing
near

Luke 21:28



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April 7, 2024

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Prelude

*Hymn #32

How Great Thou Art

* **Call to Worship** Joel 2:28-32: **The Lord Will Pour Out His Spirit**

L: “And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,

C: and your young men shall see visions.

L: Even on the male and female servants

C: in those days I will pour out My Spirit.

L: “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth,
blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned
to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and
awesome day of the Lord comes.

**C: And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved.**

L: For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who
escape, as the Lord has said,

**C: and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord
calls.”**

* **Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Yanae Johnson – Dayton, OH

Mission of the Month: SOUP

The Lord’s Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

Children’s Message

Be Prepared

Matthew 24:42

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

Amos 8:9-12

Luke 21:25-28

Matthew 24:29-31

Sermon

Open our Eyes

Chancel Choir

Come Just As You Are

Sabolick

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Apostle’s Creed

back of hymnal

The Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

***Hymn #350**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

***Benediction**

Postlude

*— Those who are able, please stand



Scripture Readings (ESV):

Amos 8:9-12:

⁸“And on that day,” declares the Lord GOD,
“I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on every waist
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.
¹¹ “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD,
“when I will send a famine on the land—
not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD.
¹² They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it.”

Luke 21:25-28:

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Matthew 24:29-31:

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

Sermon Notes

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Scripture: **Amos 8:9-12; Luke 21:25-28; Matthew 24:29-31**

Sermon: **Open our Eyes**

1. What is the famine in **Amos**? What causes it? How is that more frightening than a traditionally understood famine? How should one respond to such a famine?
2. In **Luke**, what does Jesus say the signs in the sky portend? What should we be found doing when Christ returns? How does that differ from other days of our lives here on earth as Christ's ambassadors (see **II Corinthians 5:20**)?
3. In **Matthew**, who does Jesus say will save us (and how) when the signs come in the sky after the tribulation and along with the sign of the Son of Man in heaven? What comfort and confidence does that give you? Why?
4. Even though Jesus emphasized (**Matthew 24:36**) that only the Father knows when the Second coming will take place, people—and especially Christians—have fretted over trying to decipher when that date will be. Why do you suppose that is? After hearing God's Word today, how will you respond? What actions will you take to be prepared when Christ returns?

Solus Christus (in Christ Alone)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Yanae Johnson missing from Dayton, OH.

Seeking Custodian/Maintenance Candidates: We are accepting applications for the part-time custodian/maintenance position. Please contact the church office for a job description and/or application.

Carl Lotz Scholarship Applications: Purpose: To provide a scholarship to a Hardin County student or church member who plans to further their education and/or training for their career. Application, eligibility requirements, and procedure list is available online at <https://forms.gle/p3Zdp3zHfsJmaqB16>. Deadline to apply is April 30 (Must complete All 3 steps).

Graduation Sunday & Scholarship Presentation: On May 19, we will recognize any graduating members during the morning worship service. Please contact the church office with the information. The scholarship committee will also recognize the students selected to receive the Carl Lotz Scholarships this year.

Cookie Donations for the Bike Blessing: If you can make cookies for the Bike Blessing on May 19, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. Thank you!

Bike Blessing: May 19 at 11:30 am

LifeWise Kenton Seeking Donations for Bibles: We want each of our kids at LifeWise Kenton to take home a Bible at the end of the school year. We have 207 students enrolled. We received a donation for 75 Bibles and we are raising funds to purchase 132 more. Each Bible costs \$20. We will be purchasing the One Big Story Bible because this is the Bible that we use in the classroom that ties to our curriculum. To donate: We have a fundraising link set up for the Bibles. Please use the link below to donate. [Link to Donate](#) or contact Julie Turner at 567-674-4657 or lifewise.org/kentonoh.

Kids Activity Bags: We would like to provide kids activity bags again each week. If anyone would like to donate a prepackaged snack or items for the bag, that would be great.

Wednesday Night Organizer Needed: We are looking for someone who would be willing to organize the Wednesday night program for

next year. This would include working with the Christian Ed Committee in selecting a curriculum/program and having it prepared for the teachers each week.

Seeking Bed Ministry Leader: We are looking for someone to take over the Bed Ministry along with others to be on a committee to assist. Please contact Anna LaWarre or the church office for more information.

Nursery Subs Needed: If you would be willing to help out in the nursery periodically when needed, please contact the church office.

Confirmation: Any students that are in 7th grade or above who are interested in a confirmation class to join the church, please contact the church office or Pastor Randall. The class would probably start in the fall.

New Member Class: Interested in joining the church? Please contact Pastor Randall or the church office about a New Member Class. We will try to find a time that is convenient for all participants.

Entering Church using South or East Entrance: During the wintry and potentially icy months, entrance will be available through the east and south doors. Thank you!

Coffee Hour News: Coffee Hour is offered as a time of fellowship in our lobby, and we hope you have time to greet one another before worship. If you take beverages into the sanctuary, please advise ushers of any spills. If spills are not cleaned up promptly, it creates stains on the carpet. Thank you for your understanding.

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.

Children's sermon: If you would like to be added to the Children's sermon list, please contact the church office.

Office Hours: 8:30-10:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm, Monday – Friday unless there is a delay/cancellation. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Week at a Glance

Today, 4/7: 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study - FH
10:00 AM Worship Service
7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

Monday, 4/8: Eclipse - Office Closed

Tuesday, 4/9: 5:00 PM Missions- Evangelism
6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel

Wednesday, 4/10: 5-7 PM Kid's Night
7:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, 4/11: 6:00 PM Church Council - library
6:30 PM Cub Scouts – Chapel

Friday, 4/12: 12:00 PM Prayer - Sanctuary

Saturday, 4/13: 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel
9-10:30 The Chosen Bible Study – FH

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (3/31): 74
Envelopes: 3/24: \$3690 3/31: \$4890
Loose Offering: 3/24: \$65 3/31: \$90
Loose Ones: 3/24: \$2 3/31: \$2
Mission (Celebrate Recovery): \$1192

Ushers:

4/7: Virginia Tice & Nancy Rickenbacher
4/14: Steve & Kae Merold



Please join us for the Second Annual Blessing of the Bikes hosted by St. John's Evangelical Church and God's Thunder.



May 19, 2024

211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH

11:30 - Coffee and Cookies served

12:00 - Blessing of the Bikes

Open invitation to all to attend Worship

Service beginning at 10am.

Hosted by:

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and Christian Motorcycle
Association, God's Thunder*

