

Eastertide 2022 “Recognizing Christ Among Us”

April 24-June 5

Our lectionary texts for this season give us an intimate picture of Jesus’ last days with his disciples. His post-resurrection appearances are in some ways remarkable: Jesus has died and is now back, appearing out of nowhere! In other ways, they are unremarkable: he shows up to a relatively small group of his closest friends, feeds them and reminds them of his most important teachings. As he prepares to leave them, he gives them words of comfort, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” During our own times of turbulence, war, and uncertainty, may we hear these familiar words as an invitation to recognize Christ among us. May we be reminded of his simplest and most profound teaching: to love one another.

During this season, we will have small groups planning and leading worship services. Sunday School will be offered for children after worship, and electives will be offered for adults. This season ends with recovenanting at Pentecost.



Masks will still be required during worship, but they will be optional during non-singing electives and coffee time.

Elective Options: (adult second hours on a particular topic)

Sing to the Lord a New Song! Actually, a whole bunch of new songs. Explore nine new hymns in *Voices Together* every week. No weekly theme, great if you can only stay for second hour a couple random Sundays. Come ready to sing! Hosted by Becky Snider

Some Assembly Required Not to be confused with our softball team, this classic Assembly elective is for all newish attendees - along with anyone newly curious about how Assembly works and its unique practices and history. Hosted by Scott Coulter

Family Economics Come for engaging conversations with various parents on allowance, jobs & chores, extra-curricular, and more. Hosted by Dana Miller

Reparations: A Call for Racial Justice and Repair: This six-session elective will expand the congregation’s awareness of historical wrongs committed against African Americans because of slavery, legal segregation (Jim Crow), and ongoing discrimination and stigmatization. Topics include housing discrimination’s role in the racial wealth gap, historical background on reparations, and why reparations are needed. Also included is an introduction to the Doctrine of Discovery and its legacy among Indigenous peoples in our area. This series is preparation for a financial and moral congregational decision on Assembly beginning to make reparations. Hosted by Arden Shank and Norm Kauffman

Date	Text	Small group	Preacher	Extras
April 24	John 20:19-31 Revelation 1:4-8	Maple	Parables (From Goshen College)	
May 1	John 21:1-19 Revelation 5:11-14	Beta	Karl Shelly	Graduation breakfast
May 8	John 10:22-30 Revelation 7:9-17	N/A	Covenanting stories	Covenanting: Peter and Kelly Shenk Koontz, Abby Nafziger
May 15	John 13:31-35 Revelation 21:1-6	Bugles	TBD	
May 22	John 14:23-29 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	Grape	Lora Nafziger	Baby dedications
May 29	John 17:20-26 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	Hug	TBD	"Mugging" for graduating high school seniors
June 5	Pentecost	Groupyndor	Anna Yoder Schlabach	Recovenanting

