

Welcome to West Side Christian Church



~ Easter Sunday Service ~
March 23, 2008
Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister
Becky Barclay, Minister of Music

- **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Brown
- PRELUDE "Easter Alleluia" Ottenwalder
- BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
- *RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder, Bob Nutting
- Elder: Day has dawned and shadows are left behind.
The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.
- ALL: This is the day that our God has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**
- Elder: God opens to us the gates of righteousness.
We enter to give thanks to our God.
- ALL: We give thanks, for our God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.**
- Elder: Set your mind on things that are above.
Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.
- ALL: We have been raised with Christ.
Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day.**
- *WORSHIP HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" CH, 216
- *UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: God of amazing surprises, the story of Easter is ever new. Suddenly we are aware of your presence with us. We had lost touch with you. Our minds were full of worries and distractions, set on things of this earth. Our spirits felt the grip of death. Jesus seemed a legend from the past, not a real person who shared our common lot. But today, you awaken something new within us. We hear the cry, Christ is risen, and we want to respond. Dry our tears and call our name. We need the good news of Easter. We pray these things in the name of Jesus who taught us how to pray saying, "*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*"

- *GLORIA PATRI CH, 35
- OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:1-6
- MORNING PRAYER Rev. Brown
- INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
- OFFERTORY "Easter Offertory" Deshayes
- PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
ALL: By your hand, O God, we have been blessed with life, with food, with refreshment, with hope. Day by day you are saving us, healing our brokenness, calling forth our gifts, granting us strength to serve with Christ as a part of your revelation to the world. Thank you, God, for times of resurrection. Thank you for this day of celebration. We dedicate ourselves anew with our offerings. Amen.
- *THE DOXOLOGY CH, 46
- COMMUNION HYMN "The Strife O'er" CH, 221
- PRAYER FOR THE BREAD Elder, Bob Nutting
- PRAYER FOR THE CUP Elder, Mary Redmon
- WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Brown
- ANTHEM "Empty Now" Martin
- SERMON TEXT John 20:1-18
- SERMON "Choosing Resurrection" Rev. Brown
- HYMN OF INVITATION "He Lives" CH, 226
During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.
- BENEDICTION Rev. Brown
- POSTLUDE Fantasy on "Victory" and "Gelobt Sei Gott" Binckes

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Bill Loftis, Diane Loftis, Kelly Terry, Stephen Milam

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

** At the conclusion of the announcements, children ages 3-8 are dismissed to Worship & Wonder, following a prayer with Rev. Brown.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Myrtle Henderson, Doug Tatum, Debbie Tibbits, Bobby Beal, Paul Parker, Lorraine Shea, Wilma Ingram, Betty McCrickard, Hasting Family, Carl Loving, Joe Diggs, Dick Cornwell, Marlene Whitehurst, Mark Warren, Ann Hall, Dickie Hayes, Dawn Price, Debbie Johnson, Jimmy Bracy, Ron Riffle, Herschel Carter, Matthew Davis, Brenda Lohse, Gray Family, Maureen Powers, Dawn Weiss, Wilda Dryer, Christie Bradley, Jessica & Michael Gates, Kristen & Anthony Williams, Cavanaugh Family, Sandy Phillips, Phillips Family, Masil Jones, Branch Family, Esther Daniel, Joseph Irwin, Sarah Crawford, Bobby Ryder, Tara Weinmann, Ellen Nelson

SHUT-INS

Ruth Blackman, Sylvia Dickens, Rev. Glenn Weaver, Sandy Cotton, Dennis Davenport, Roland Thornton, Al Hemby

~ THE WEEK AHEAD AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~

- Today, March 23rd:** 7:00 am – Easter Sunrise Service (Breakfast to follow)
 9:00 am – Coffee Fellowship
 9:30 am – Prayer Circle (Disciples Classroom)
 9:45 am – Church School
 11:00 am – Easter Sunday Worship
 4:00 pm – FC In Use
- Mon., March 24th:** No Church Activities
- Tues., March 25th:** 10:00 am – District VIII Clergy (Diamond Springs)
 6:30 pm – Transition Team
- Wed., Mach 26th:** 9:00 am – Music Club
 11:00 am – Spiritual Gifts Workshop
 7:00 pm – Disciple Bible Study I
 7:15 pm – Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs., March 27th:** 7:00 pm – Spiritual Gifts Workshop
- Fri., March 28th:** No Church Activities
- Sat., March 29th:** No Church Activities
- Sun., March 30th:** 9:00 am – Coffee Fellowship
 9:30 am – Prayer Circle
 9:45 am – Church School
 11:00 am – Sunday Worship
 12:30 pm – Spiritual Gifts Workshop

~ AMNNOUCEMENT ~

If you have not yet had your Spiritual Gifts Inventory assessed, please plan to attend one of the last three workshops scheduled for this week. Wednesday at 11:00 AM, Thursday at 7:00 PM and next Sunday following worship. Child care will be provided.

~OFFERING ~

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET EXPENSES \$3,418.00	
Received for Budget:	\$ 2,192.33
Building Fund:	160.00
Easter Offering:	595.00
Other: (Donuts)	10.50
TOTAL for March 26, 2008	\$ 2,957.83