



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter

Our Commitments
“OPENNESS TO THE SPIRIT”

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation.

Our worship is “liturgical.” The Greek word “leitourgia” means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God’s call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website resurrectionphl.org for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

Sunday Information

- **Nursery + Children’s Ministry:** Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
 - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
 - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
 - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there’s a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- **Accessibility:** A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms:** Men’s and Women’s restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation:** Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God’s purposeful plan of salvation.

(Seeking God’s Face by Philip Reinders)

Welcome

Opening Song

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Te Deum, Ignace Franz, Katholisches Gesangbuch



1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore you.
2. Hark! The loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3. Lo! the a - pos - to - lic train join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit: three we name you,



All on earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
pro - phets swell the glad re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low,
while in es - sence on - ly one; un - di - vi - ded God we claim you,



In - fi - nite_ your vast do - main, e - ver - las - ting is_ your reign.
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
and a - do - ring, bend the knee while we own the my - ste - ry.

Opening of Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All And also with you.

Responsive Reading

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**All You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

from Psalm 139

*GOD SUMMONS US
AS HIS PEOPLE*

*As we meet together
each week, we
recognize in the
preparation that God,
through his word and
Spirit, gathers us into
his presence and calls
us into his life and
mission.*

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Doxology

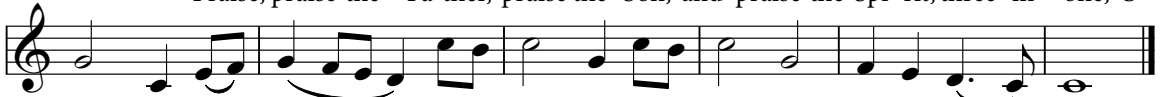
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O__ praise him,



Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O
Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi- rit, three in one, O



praise him! O__ praise__him! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him! O__ praise__him! Al- le - lu - ia! Al- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.

Confession of Sin

All Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength
and not by the power of your resurrection.
We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
We have lived for this world alone
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us and help us.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration

Come, Oh Spirit

Isaac Wardell



1. Come, oh_ Spi - rit, com-fort true; help us by your plead - ing.
2. All our know-ledge, all our sight lies in dark-ness shroud - ed.
3. Come, our con-science to re - lieve from each sin re - mem - bered.
4. All our rich - es, all our crowns, cast we now be - fore thee.



Come and ev' - ry heart re - new, breath of God pro - ceed - ing.
All our la - bors wrought in strife hath our judg-ment cloud - ed.
Come, our Sav - ior's blood to plead; na - ked, we sur - ren - der.
Scales re - mov - eth, chains un-bound, bold - ly we im - plore thee:



You a - lone to God can win us; Spi - rit, now work good with-in us.
Oh, con-sume our wrong de - sires;_ Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire.____
Sin hath left a wound re-veal-ing; Spi - rit, help us with your heal - ing.
As you knit us once to - ge - ther, fas - ten us to you for - e - ver.

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Baptism and Membership Reception

Larkin Tag Curran, Raelynn Virginia Dodds

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world?

Candidates & parents: **I renounce them.**

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates & parents: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Minister (to the candidates):

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and through worship and service seek to advance God's purposes here and throughout the world?

Candidates: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Minister (to the parents):

Do you promise to instruct these children in the truth of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for them, to teach them to pray; and to train them in Christ's way by your example, through worship, and in the nurture of the church?

Parents: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

Minister (to the congregation):

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

Congregation: **We do.**

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Pastoral prayer is offered.

The congregation shall stand.

All Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.
Join with us
as we give witness in the world to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia.

Passing of the Peace

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

All And also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Pre-school children
are invited to go to
their classes at this
time. Elementary
children through
grade 5 are invited
to Children's Church
and will return
during the Song of
Response, following
the Reflection.*

In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.

The Word of God

New Testament reading: Romans 8:1-17

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. ¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 16:4b-15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

“Openness to the Spirit” – Rev. Chris Currie

Offertory

How Sweet to Wait

Joseph Swain, Clint Wells, Karl Digerness



1. How sweet to wait up-on___ the Lord, while he ful-fills his gra-cious word;
2. To see, while pros-trate at___ his feet, Je-ho-vah on the mer-cy-seat;
3. "Fa-ther," he cries, "I will___ that these be-fore thee on their ben-ded knees,
4. With this de-light-ful pros-pect fired, we'll run, nor in thy ways be-tired;



to seek his face, and not___ in vain, to be so loved, and love a-gain!
and Je-sus, at the Lord's___right hand, with his di-vine a-tone-ment stand!
for whom my life I once___ laid down, be with me soon on this my throne."
and all the tri-als here we see,___ will make us long to reign with thee..



A-men! our heartswith rap-ture cry,___ may we with rev'-rence look so high;



as-cen-ded Sa-vior, fix our eyes, by faith up-on___ this glo-rious prize!

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When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so by scanning the QR code at the left or text any amount to the number 84321.

The offering is part of our worship together, an opportunity to participate in the ministry of Resurrection. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give— we're grateful simply for your presence here today.



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GOD STRENGTHENS US
AT HIS TABLE

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For through the Lord Jesus you have given us eternal life and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death into the glorious liberty of the children of God. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est!
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,
forever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and a gluten-free option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching | Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer of belief | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling | Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Communion Song

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Samuel Medley, Vito Aiuto



1. I know that my re - dee - mer lives; what joy this bless'd as - su - rance gives.
2. He lives to bless me with his love, he lives to plead for me a - bove.
3. He lives to grant me rich sup - ply, he lives to guide me with his eye,
4. He lives to si - lence all my fears, he lives to wipe a - way my tears,



He lives, he lives, who once was dead. He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
He lives my hun - gry soul to feed, he lives to help in time of need.
he lives to com - fort me when faint, he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
he lives to calm my troub - led heart, he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend,
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king.

6. He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my redeemer lives!

Prayer after Communion

All Lord God our Father,
through our Savior Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

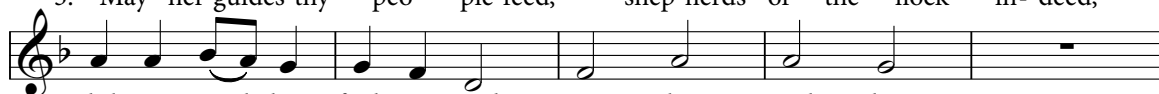
Blessing and Sending

We Besech Thee

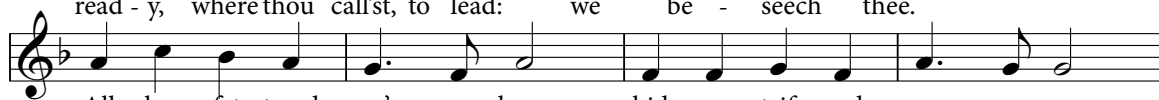
Thomas Pollock, The New Ancients



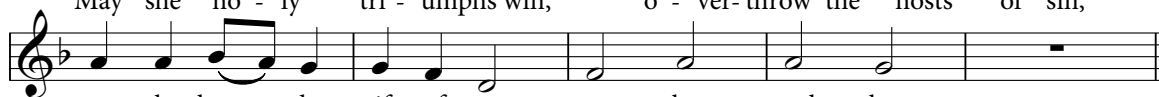
1. Je - sus, with thy church a - bide, be her sa - vior, Lord, and guide,
2. May she one in doc - trine be, one in truth and cha - ri - ty,
3. May her guides thy peo - ple feed, shep herds of the flock in - deed,



while on earth her faith is tried: we be - seech thee.
win ning all_ to faith in thee: we be - seech thee.
read - y, where thou call'st, to lead: we be - seech thee.



All her fet - tered pow'rs re - lease, bid our strife and en - vy cease,
May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear a - loft its light
May she ho - ly tri - umphs win, o - ver - throw the hosts of sin,



grant the hea ven - ly gift of peace: we be - seech thee.
through the realms of dark - est night: we be - seech thee.
ga - ther all_ the na tions in, we be - seech thee.



May she guide the poor and blind, _ seek the lost un til she find, _



and the bro - ken hear - ted bind: _ we be - seech thee. _

GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)

After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness.

Musicians

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Elizabeth LaPrelle: voice, banjo

John Taylor-Baranik: guitar, voice

Liturgist

Mae Trieu

Scripture Reading

Larissa Sorge

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings

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CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

CONNECTION GROUPS provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit resurrectionphl.org/groups or scan the QR code at right.



FAMILY MINISTRIES come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- **Children's Ministry.** Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at paul@resurrectionphl.org.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick (ryan@resurrectionphl.org) for more information about these events.

GROW

Resurrection is a community committed to growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrectionphl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

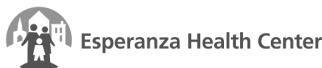
GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

SERVE

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



Announcements

Do You Get Resurrection News?

If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of resurrectionphl.org or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

Reading Centering Discipleship? Join Book Discussion today

As Chris shared in his letter at the beginning of the season, we're encouraging people to read Dr. Eun Strawser's book *Centering Discipleship* during Lent. We're hosting a book discussion over lunch after the service on Sunday, April 7.

Intro to Resurrection on April 21

Are you new to Resurrection, or have you been around awhile but don't yet feel connected? Join us after the worship service on Sunday, April 21st for Intro to Resurrection. It's a casual first step toward membership but also simply a place to ask questions and help us get to know you better. Please register at <http://resurrectionphl.org/membership> to help us plan.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

7 : Centering Discipleship
book discussion

21: Intro to Resurrection

Help us welcome you.

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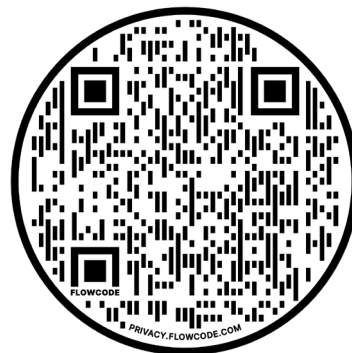
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Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: _____



Prayer Requests

Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.

Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.

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