



Easter Celebration

Easter Worship

April 4, 2021

Prelude	Canon in D	Pachabel
Pastoral Welcome		Barry Petrucci
Call To Worship		Jess Davenport
Songs	Rise Up (Lazarus) Saved the Day	New Life Team
Easter Visual Liturgy		
Pastoral Prayer		
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
Hymn	Christ the Lord is Risen Today	
Scripture	John 20:1-10	
Message	Seeing in the Dark	Barry Petrucci
Scripture	John 20:11-18	
Message	Seeing and Believing	Jess Davenport
Offering and Special Music		
Dedication		
Hymn	Christ Has Risen	
Closing Liturgy		Tonya Boot
Song	We Believe	
Blessing		
Postlude	Christ the Lord is Risen Today	

Chapel Hill Community Garden

Spring has sprung and Chapel Hill's Community Garden is calling! There are plots available for the 2021 season. Cost is \$25 (to cover the cost of water usage) and gardeners are required to donate 30% of their produce to the Loaves and Fishes Romance Rd. Food Pantry, housed in the lower level of the church building. To reserve your garden plot please contact Chris Cartner at cartner3030@gmail.com.

April Playdates

- All kids in Preschool–5th grade
- Wednesday, April 7 & Wednesday, April 21
- 6–7:30 pm on the playground

Chapel Hill kids, we've missed you! Andrea Trantham is planning two opportunities in April to get together and play outside. These events will be staffed by two Safe Place-Certified adults, so parents are welcome to drop their kids off. Face masks will be required and these dates will be cancelled if there is inclement weather. Space is limited so you are asked to register. Find the registration link at pchum.org/childrenministries.

Easter Sunrise Celebration with Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Easter Sunrise service at 7 am on Sunday, April 4. If you would like to participate from home you may stop by the church to pick up Fellowship Cups (the communion elements). Fellowship Cups are available outside the main church doors.

COVID Vaccine Clinics

All individuals aged 16 and older living in Kalamazoo County are now eligible to receive the COVID vaccine through the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department. Appointments are first-come-first-served and are released in batches **every Monday at 7 am, Noon, and 5 pm**. To make your appointment please go to kalcounty.com/hcs/covid1950plusregistration.php.

Portage Kids Peaceful Protests

- Every Wednesday and Sunday from Noon–1 pm
- Corner of S. Westnedge Ave. and Centre Ave. in Portage

Every Wednesday and Sunday a group of adults and children gather at the corner of S. Westnedge Ave. and Centre Ave. in Portage to peacefully protest against racism in our community. This is a great opportunity to show children how to stand with the Black Lives Matter and Stop Asian Hate movements. All are encouraged to get involved.

State of the Nation...State of the Faith

- Thursdays at 7 pm

State of the Nation...State of the Faith is an open forum where folks are coming together to discuss how Chapel Hill can move toward being an anti-racist congregation. All are encouraged to join the conversation. The Zoom link can be found at pchum.org/events.

Give By Mail:

Portage Chapel Hill
7028 Oakland Dr.
Portage MI 49024

Give Online:

pchum.org/give

Give On Realm:

onrealm.org/pchum

Text-To-Give:

Text "PCHUM" to
73256

Update on In-Person Worship to the Congregation of Portage Chapel Hill

Last November we responded to the surge in COVID-19 cases by restricting access to church facilities. We stopped offering in-person worship for our congregation and closed our indoor facilities for gatherings. We later closed our grounds to outdoor meetings as well. We have continued this policy through the winter while continuing to offer our worship services online and provide virtual gatherings for our congregation.

Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve as our understanding of this deadly virus has developed. After considerable deliberation, we have decided to continue our policy of keeping Portage Chapel Hill closed for indoor worship and meetings. But, effective immediately, *outdoor meetings and gatherings will be permitted on church grounds*. Participants must follow guidelines and be appropriately screened, masked, and socially distanced. The outdoor Easter Sunrise Service will be held this year at 7 am on Sunday, April 4 in the Memorial Garden.

We will continue to closely watch the community's COVID-19 data and consider the health and safety of our clergy and our congregation as we respond to this pandemic. We will continue to worship and connect in fellowship with each other through this difficult time.

The Guidance Board

Support Black-Owned Businesses

A small group of Chapel Hill folks have been having conversations on anti-racism each Thursday night at 7 pm on "State of the Nation...State of the Faith." Becoming an anti-racist congregation has gotten some traction as various small groups have been reading books on white privilege, social marginalization, personal and systemic racism, and more. The Thursday night conversations have turned to *not* waiting for government-sponsored reparations for chattel slavery, as that does not seem to have necessary political traction. Taking direction from Michael Eric Dyson's book [Tears We Cannot Stop](#), we are looking at ways we can do some "repaying" right in our own community. To begin this we will be highlighting black-owned businesses in the area, in hopes that many of us would choose to support these businesses once we know of them! We offer a few of those businesses to you here. Should you know of black-owned business you would like listed, please let the office know. We know that this is in no way an exhaustive list and we also caution that a business appearing here does not constitute an endorsement of services or products they offer.

- Roche Wine Collection
- Huey D's Goodies
- Layla's Cool Pops
- Dream of Kalamazoo Hair Salon
- Saybers Cooking

To find other businesses, or to give a donation, go to **Black Wall Street Kalamazoo**, which provides services and education to bring forth successful African American businesses.