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Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services (church website or Facebook Group Page)

***HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!***

*We invite you to participate in any of the following  
Holy Week and Easter Sunday events:*

Wednesday Courtyard Devotion—Reflection on “Give Your Coat” based on Matthew 5:38-42 with music provided by soloists Carolyn Noonchester and Susan Holder; and Larry Callahan on piano.

Online Good Friday Service—A short devotion service will be available to view after 3pm on the church website or Facebook group page.



Online Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10:00am with special music by our section leaders, and guest musicians. Please see the order of Worship provided for more info. Be sure to invite family and friends to watch this joyful service online thru the church website or Facebook group page.

**Among the Church Family**

*In Our Prayers:*

Please keep all those previously mentioned in your prayers.

*Sierra Service Project:*

Due to our current county restrictions, as anticipated, Sierra Service Project this summer will officially be online, however, we will be planning to meet at church every night during the week for some service projects and outdoor fun activities at CGS! We will be planning on participating in SSP the week of July 19 – 23, 2021, however, once we are registered, you can attend as many weeks as you would like. There is programming scheduled from Monday through Friday from 10:30AM – 6:00PM, however, you can come for what you are able to come to and whatever fits in your schedule. Anyone who is currently in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is eligible to go. Cost is \$175.00 per person, however, if you have participated in Youth Bells or Youth Choir, the cost is just \$25.00! You can find more information about SSP and its programs at [www.sierraserviceproject.org](http://www.sierraserviceproject.org) If you are interested in attending SSP this summer, please email me at [fnjshen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday, April 18, 2021! -*Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

*Sunday School:*

The CGS children were asked in Sunday School on Palm Sunday what modern day plans would they do to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem if they were the ones planning the list. Please enjoy this fun and creative list the children came up with: Palm leaves, crowds, banner, music and live band, cheerleaders, presents, color guard, giant meal on a gigantic table with giant cake and gigantic ice cream bowls, food trucks, In & Out burgers, gold medal ribbons, fireworks, choir, parade floats, pool party, large floating balloons like in Macy's Thanksgiving parade, gigantic Jesus float!, helium balloons, bouncy castle, Praise him that he's coming, and of course a Methodist Men barbeque!



**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE- ALLELUIA CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
**April 4, 2021 (10:00am) Order of Worship for online service available on the church website ([www.cgsun.org](http://www.cgsun.org)) or Facebook group page**

Prelude                                      Processional & Variant on “This Joyful Eastertide”                                      arr. Raymond Haan  
 Stephen Cook, Organ; Ryan DeWeese, Harry Ostrander, Trumpet

Introit                                      “Now Glad of Heart Be Everyone”                                      Section Leaders

Welcome and Announcements                                      Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

\*Call to Worship:                                      Amy Crouse, Lay Reader

One:                                      Alleluia, Christ is Risen!  
**Many:                                      Christ is Risen indeed!**  
 One:                                      Come, let us sing our praises to the Lord.  
**Many:                                      We will share the good news with all, that Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life!**  
 One:                                      Come, let us thank the Lord for His love and mercy.  
**Many:                                      We see His mighty work at the foot of the empty grave.**  
 One:                                      Come, let us celebrate the risen Christ.  
**Many:                                      With great joy we shout Alleluia, Christ is Risen indeed!**



\*Opening Hymn                                      “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”                                      Red UM Hymnal #302

The Word for Children                                      Rev. Thai-Erwin

Anthem                                      “Christ is Risen”                                      Section Leaders

Prayers for the People and Lord’s Prayer:                                      Michael Chesnut, Ministry Intern

**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, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response (video)                                      “Crown Him”                                      arr. Childers  
 Carillon Choir: Carolyn Noonchester (Director) and other names to be provided after March 31<sup>st</sup>

Scripture Readings                                      Psalm 118: 1, 21-29 and \*Luke 24:1-12                                      Amy Crouse, Lay Reader

The Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**  
 (Lay Reader- introduces Hymn of Preparation)

Hymn of Preparation                                      “My Hope is Built”                                      Red UM Hymnal #368

Message:                                      “Journey of the Heart: Believing”                                      Rev. Thai-Erwin

Message Response                                      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”                                      Susan Holder, Soprano

Easter Unison Prayer                                      Rev. Thai-Erwin



**God of the resurrection, be for us a presence that links us, unites us, and provokes us to love each other and all of your creation. In this season of new life, grant that our own lives be focused on your redeeming grace. Move in us as we bear witness to your amazing grace of love and healing. In this world, guide our discipleship together so that we may be in the light of your son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn                                      “Lift High the Cross”                                      Red UM Hymnal #15

Benediction                                      Rev. Thai-Erwin

Postlude                                      Recessional on “This Joyful Eastertide”                                      arr. Raymond Haan  
 Stephen Cook, Organ; Ryan DeWeese, Harry Ostrander, Trumpets

\*persons are invited to rise in body or spirit as they are able

## ***SPECIAL BLOOMING CROSS EXPERIENCE ON EASTER SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH COUTYARD!***

- Stop by the church anytime from 11:30am-1:30pm
- We're honoring the church's tradition of the flower cross in the courtyard on Easter Sunday
- Children will receive a fun Easter packet with eggs and activities
- Feel free to bring a flower from your home to place on the cross
- You and your family can take a photo in front of the beautiful blooming cross
  - There will be a box to collect your Easter Offering
  - Prayers and Benediction Blessing will be offered
- And Sanctuary Easter flowers can be picked up from the Sanctuary portico as well



## **Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission Through the Years**

### **An Outreach for the Community—Caring for the Needs of Families**

If you were to look for the earliest “graduates” from our Children’s Center, you would find that they are all grown up now, and in their fifties. In fact, some of the graduates’ own children who attended the Center have grown up, too. Yes, in 2022 the Center will celebrate 50 years of providing TLC for the little ones in our community.

The mission of the Children’s Center has remained basically the same since its beginning five decades ago. It offers service to all in the community regardless of religion, ethnicity, race or nationality.

The church previously offered part-time pre-school with parental involvement called the Nursery School. This evolved into the Children’s Center in 1972. Joyce McGregor happily recalls her five years working there during the transition. Staff now includes the director, Linda Brown, the office manager, Cindy Ostry, and 12 teachers. The logistics of the Center are interesting, but the pervasive mood is more so, as the love and bonding between teachers and children is so apparent.

At first the Center offered half-day care from 8 o’clock until noon for infants to 3-year-old children. But it became apparent, as more and more women went to work, that the need was greater. Hours were extended to 3 p.m. and eventually to 6 p.m. The age limit also rose to pre-K, the 4- and 5-year-olds.

The crib room has a limit of four babies, as they often require more motherly care, for they can be enrolled as young as 4 months. They may need to be fed, or have their diapers changed. Older children may need help bundling up for cool or rainy days, or having suntan lotion applied.

Four classrooms are fitted out with almost everything a child could wish for, including classmates! At full capacity, about 70 children are enrolled. They learn academic skills which prepare them for kindergarten. And they learn social skills which are just as necessary—taking turns, sharing, resting, standing in line. Children bring their own snacks and lunches. Sometimes for birthdays, parents bring cupcakes or pizza for all. For several years, Nativity-costumed children gave a Christmas program concert in Jordan Hall, much to the delight of their parents and church members.

Sue Reeder recalls fondly her days at the Center. She moved up through the program, at first teaching the 3-year-olds, then the pre-Ks. She served as director from 1990 to 2007, when she retired. She still remembers the little boy who once asked her, “Mrs. Reeder, are you full grown?” Through Facebook, she still keeps in touch with some of her former students. Sue admits she didn’t like paperwork and confesses that Carolyn Hubinger was her ‘rock’ in the office. As such, Carolyn was bookkeeper, handled registrations, kept medical records, and more for 24 years. She loved that the 2-year-olds were across the hall from her office. One of the perks of her job, she says, was being called on as a stand-in occasionally to lend a helping hand or perhaps to rock a crying baby.

And this is a bit of how it was at the Children’s Center. We’ll take a look at how the pandemic impacted the Children’s Center next week.





## It's Time for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual SSP Cabaret!

**6:00 pm on Sunday, April 11!**

Coming soon to a CGS website near you, it's the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual SSP Cabaret! Get yourself a bowl of ice cream, some cookies or a piece of cake. Pull up your easy chair, or relax on the sofa, and enjoy your dessert while watching the CGS youth sing and dance on **Sunday night, April 11**. We can't be with you live this year, but we're looking forward to connecting with you through our filmed cabaret show called "Making Connections." We perform this show, as always, in support of the Sierra Service Project, and our youth who will be participating in SSP this summer, both virtually and through outside projects live at CGS. There will be a link available if you would like to make a donation to the church or to the youth participating in SSP. The show will be posted on the **CGS website at 6:00 pm on Sunday, April 11**. So, *come to the Cabaret!*

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*open hearts,  
open minds,  
open doors*

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