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Sunday Worship Services:
8:00 & 10:30 am
Bible Studies: 9:20 am
Sunday School: 9:15 am

The Living Light

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Though outwardly we are wasting
away, yet inwardly we are being
renewed day by day.*

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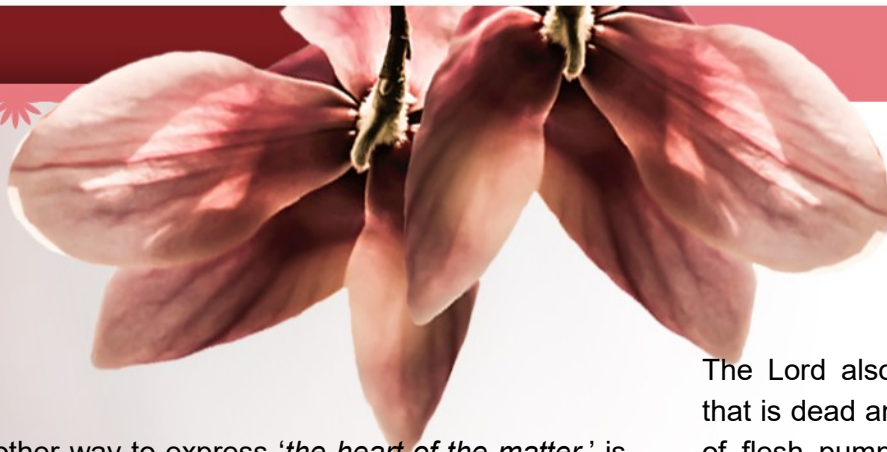
The Heart of the Matter

"I just want to get to 'the heart of the matter.'"

When we talk about getting to *'the heart of the matter,'* we are talking about getting to the core, or the most important, the basic, the fundamental essence or elements of an issue, problem, or matter at hand. It's the central issue of the matter.

I don't know about you, but I find it increasingly difficult to get to the heart of the matter about so much that is happening in the world right now. I am trying to figure out what exactly it will mean as more and more people receive the covid19 vaccine. I am seeking to understand what is at the heart of being "woke" and anti-racist. I am striving to comprehend the opportunities and challenges of being the Church post-covid. As a dad, I wrestle to express the essential parts of life and faith as I seek to pass these on to my kids. Our world and lives are so complex that it can become daunting to drill down to the central issue at hand.





Another way to express '*the heart of the matter*,' is to say let's get to '*the crux of the matter*.' The original Latin word '*crux*' referred literally to an instrument of torture, often a cross or stake. The crux is the central or critical point or feature.

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter, the crux of all of history and creation is Jesus' perfect and holy life, His innocent suffering and death, and then His glorious resurrection! Jesus' death and resurrection are at the heart of our existence. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of our faith.



In Ezekiel 36, verses 25-27 the LORD makes amazing promises about how He will change our hearts:

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

In Baptism, God's word combined with the water works faith and God forgives our sins.



The Lord also takes our heart of stone—our heart that is dead and lifeless—and replaces it with a heart of flesh pumping life-giving Spirit. The Holy Spirit moves in us and gives us strength to obey the Lord's commandments and laws. We are set free from death and sin to live a life all to the glory of God.

This is what Jesus' death and resurrection means: We are set free from the bondage of sin and death and empowered to live loving God and loving others. This is the crux of our lives and this world. Jesus Christ is our Savior who has taken away our sins and in Him we have life now for all eternity

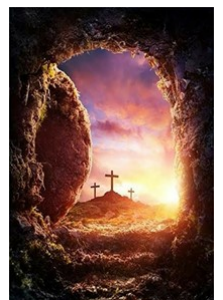
Jesus' resurrection also gives us hope even when we don't understand what is happening in this world. The resurrection helps us shift the focus of our eyes from our temporary issues to the new life Jesus gives us. Paul puts it this way in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18:

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

God Bless your Easter!

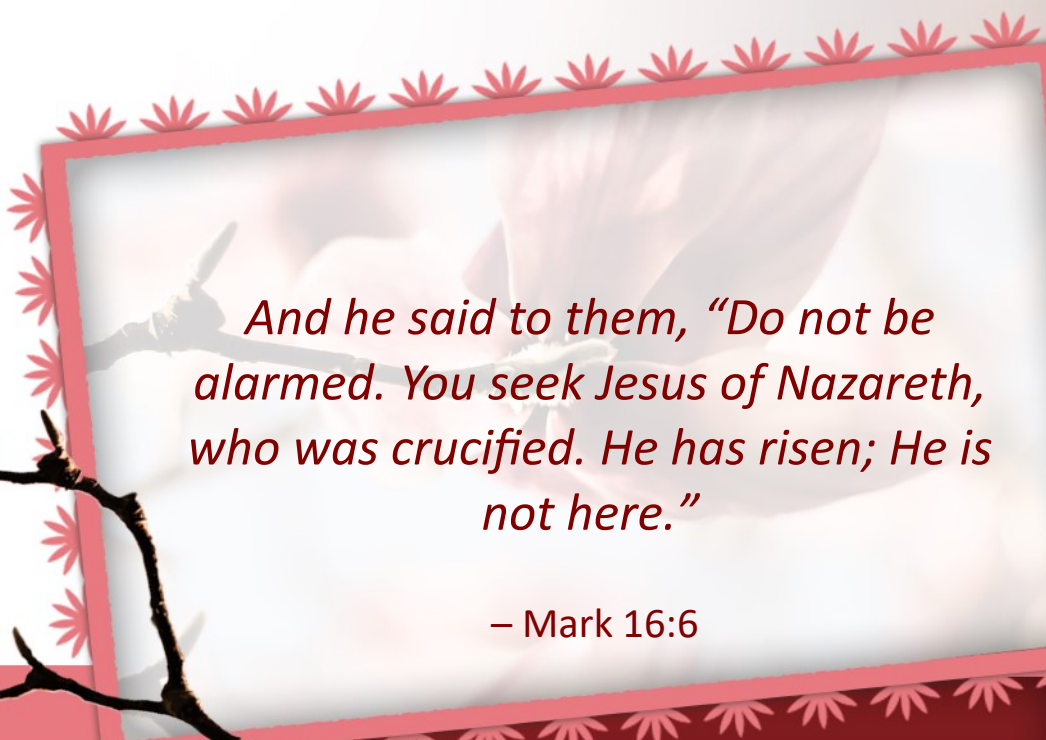

Together we fix our eyes on the cross and the empty tomb.
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

Pastor Andy



2021 Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Thursday, April 1	Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm with Holy Communion
Friday, April 2	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday
6:30 am	Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Holy Communion
7:30 am	Easter Breakfast – served by TLC Youth
9:00 am	Easter Celebration Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am	Tallmadge Community Outdoor Worship at Tallmadge High School Parking Lot
	<i>There is not a 10:30 am service at TLC</i>
12:00 pm	Drive-In Communion at TLC Parking Lot – listen on 96.9FM



And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here.”

– Mark 16:6

*In The Community

Maca Aquatic Center: *Passes Are Sold Out!*

183 Maca Drive

Opens May 29, 2021

Must be a member or a guest of a member to enter in 2021

Limit 2 guests per member

Membership sales are limited to 1500 passes

Attendance maximum is 500

Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Pavilion & Cabana Rentals, Swim Lessons, Water Aerobics classes offered

Playground is open year round

visit (tallmadge-ohio.org/maca-pool) for more membership info

Summit County Fairgrounds

229 E Howe Road

events happening throughout the year

visit summitfair.com for the full 2021 list of events

Tallmadge Rec Center

46 N Munroe Road

Activities include adult & youth programs, sports, fitness, art & sewing classes, Family Fun Nights, dances, and more.

Please see the Rec's website for more information: tallmadge-ohio.org/232/Recreation-Center

- * Please continue to follow state guidelines.
- * Please continue to be responsible and considerate of others by social distancing & wearing masks when required.
- * Please confirm dates, times & ticket costs before traveling.

Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

Easter Breakfast

Youth Members:

Youth Gentlemen, arrive by 8:00 am for table and chairs setup

Youth Ladies, by 9:00 am to decorate

TLC Members:

To-Go: pick up outside the kitchen between 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Sit- Down Dining (gym): 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Upcoming

Saturday, April 3, Easter breakfast set-up

Sunday, April 4 , 6:00 am - 12:00 pm
Easter breakfast

Sunday, April 11, 6:00 pm Youth led meeting

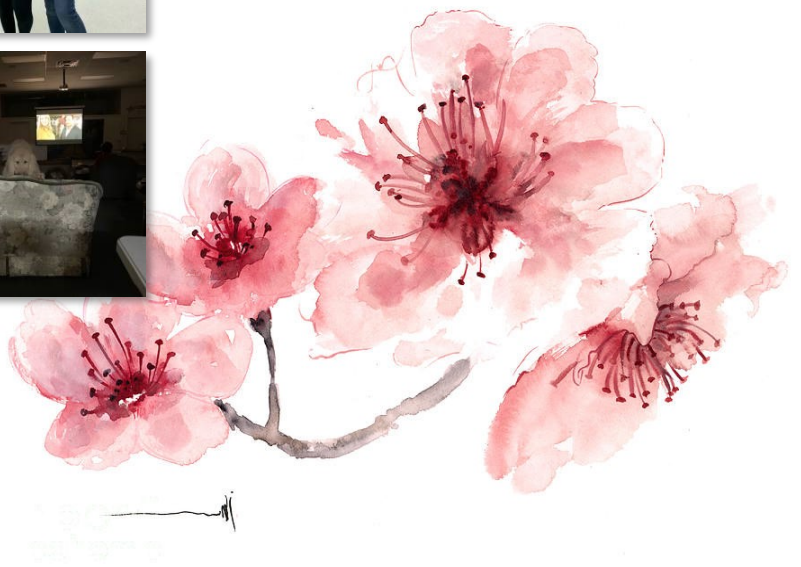
Sunday, April 25, 6:00 pm Youth meeting

Sunday, May 2, 6:00 pm Youth led meeting

Sunday, May 16, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Service
Project



Lock-In



Music Ministry: Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus

King Of Kings (Hillsong Worship)

Living Hope (Phil Wickham)

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death (Matt Papa)

His Mercy Is More (Live) (Shane & Shane)

10000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) (Matt Redman, Passion)

Cornerstone (Hillsong Worship)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (Chris Tomlin)

Jesus Paid It All (Kristian Stanfill, Passion)

It Is Well (Kristene DiMarco, Bethel Music)

How Great Thou Art (Shane & Shane, The Worship Initiative)

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130) (Live) (Shane & Shane)

Because He Lives (Amen) (Matt Maher)

In Christ Alone / Solid Rock (Medley) (Travis Cottrell)

Living Hope (Bethel Music, Bethany Wohrle)

Holy Holy Holy (We Bow Before Thee) (Shane & Shane, The Worship Initiative)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Christy Nockels)

How Great Thou Art (Paul Baloche)

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery (Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Kristyn Getty)

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead) (NCC Worship)

Victory In Jesus (Travis Cottrell)

Praise To The Lord (Joyful Joyful) (Shane & Shane, The Worship Initiative)

Blessed Assurance (Jeremy Riddle)

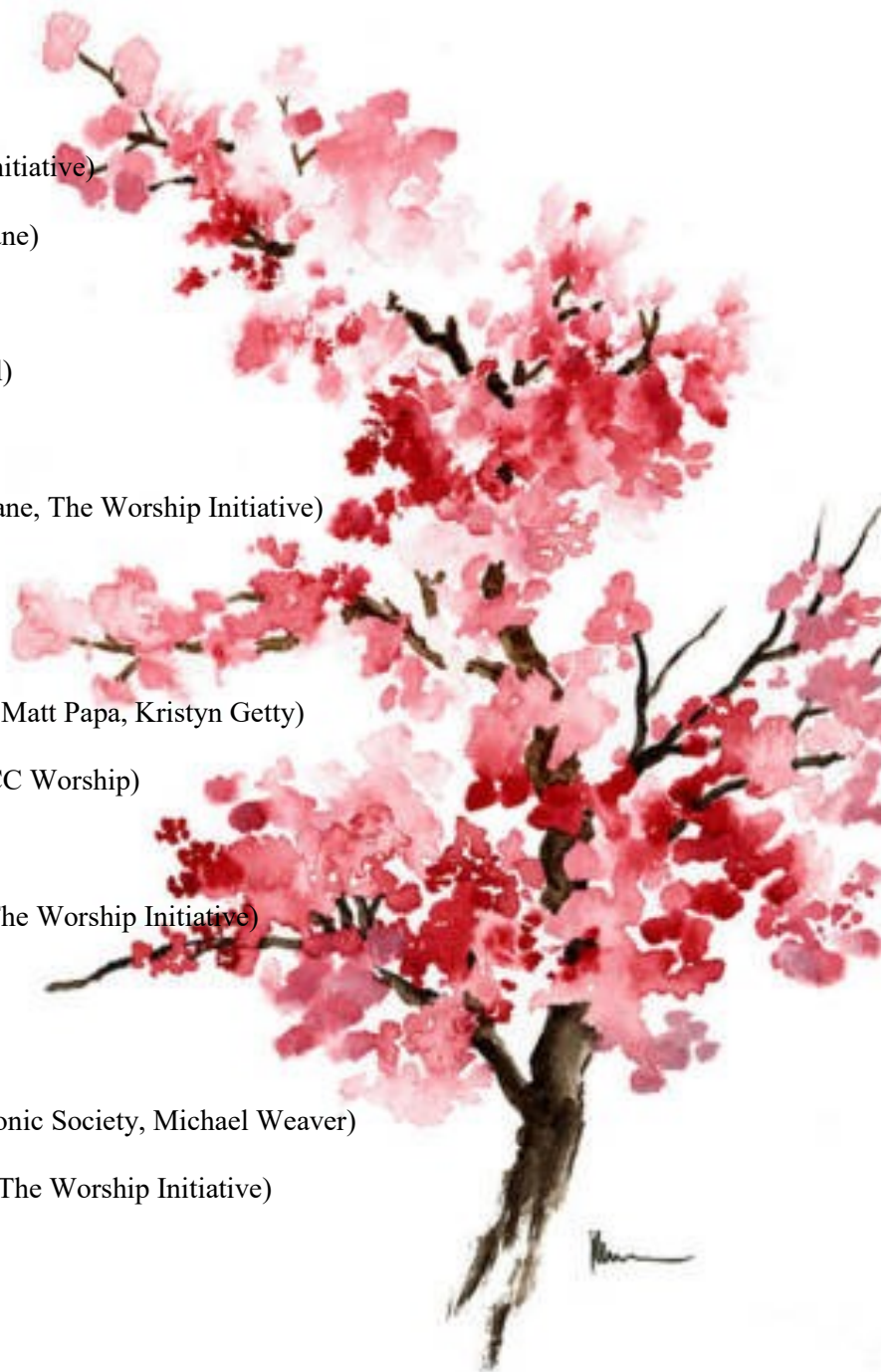
Just As I Am (Travis Cottrell)

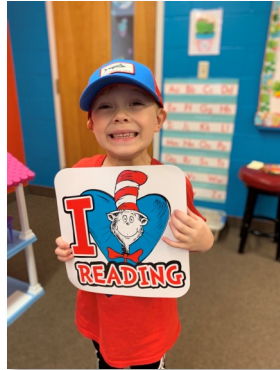
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End) (One Sonic Society, Michael Weaver)

Come Thou Fount (Above All Else) (Shane & Shane, The Worship Initiative)

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

In Christ Alone (Travis Cottrell)





Loving the sunshine, new letters
& learning about Dr. Seuss



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TLC Building Projects

Your financial gifts help us care for God's House. Thank you!

Projects Completed

Victory electrostatic sprayer purchased to help sanitize and control COVID19 virus

Hand free sanitizers purchased and placed by door 4, 5, 6, and narthex

Repaired bathroom stall door in woman's bathroom

Office Rearrangements

Laura Miller moved into my office

I moved my office up to mechanical room

Youth room was moved to old sanctuary

Preschool moved from old sanctuary to rooms 6 and 7

Youth group and Patti Trettel cleaned out the shed

Youth group painted the shed

Energy Management Systems did spring and fall PM

Energy Management Systems repaired RTU #14 in old sanctuary

Action Door repaired roll down door in kitchen

Mounted TV to wall in room 4

Thompson Electric replaced burnt out parking lot lights with LED

Purchased safety latch for double doors in youth room

Parking lot sealed and stripped

2021 Projects

Paint preschool hallway

Paint stairwell to mechanical room

Paint narthex

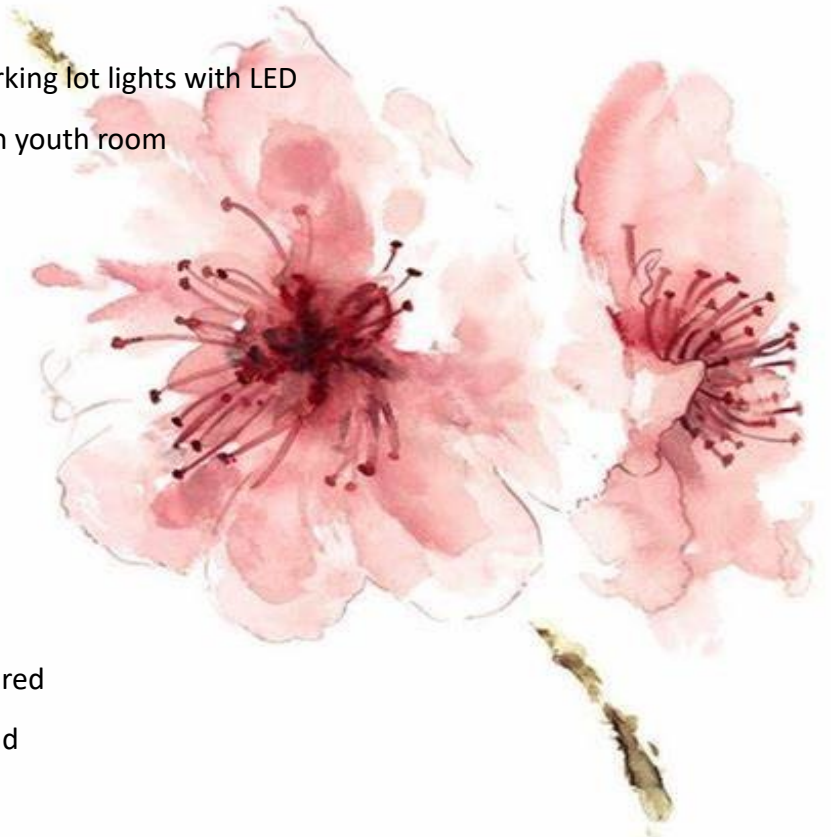
Repair/Replace furnaces

Hang artwork in room 12

Work with Paul Davis on getting roof repaired

Get quotes to do railroad ties in playground

Repair gutters and soffits



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Easter 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 AM Youth Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Easter Celebration Service 10:30 AM Community Worship (THS parking lot) 12:00 PM Drive-In Communion	5 Church office closed 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	6 Back to school 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	7 Confirmation Check-In (Youth Rm)	8 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 12)	9	10
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Birthdays

2 Laurie Matuini	14 Nathaniel Bailey
4 Laura Miller	14 Megan Hauser
5 Landon Staszak	15 Heidi Beck
5 Aleksandar Kodzev	16 Dan Fosnight
5 Carol Goebelt	16 Benjamin Cipa
5 Katharina Leisner	17 Judy Wilkins
6 Madeline Alberts	18 Peter Ware
7 Susan Capp	19 Mathew Pifer
9 Lori Earles	22 Samuel Wahl
10 Allen Emmendorfer	26 Leigh Jennings
11 Jeanne Colosetti	27 Emily Crawley
11 Anya Toepeke	27 Jerry Young
12 Mary Ellen Kepler	28 Monna Fenske
14 Arlene Jamison	28 Fae Broemsen
14 Elizabeth Jennings	28 Therese Ware
	30 David Bass

Anniversaries

15 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Gorrell



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