

## Resurrection Light

In the context of John 20, the trauma of Jesus' death hangs heavy in the air. The disciples are gathered together, paralyzed by fear. Could the resurrection light break through these dark shadows?

We also experience various shadows in our lives. There was an impactful event that happened when I was five years old. A dump truck was spreading gravel in front of our barn. I was standing about ten feet from the driver's side. The bed of the truck raised to shake down the last of the load. The truck motor revved up and the driver pulled the rope to open the end gate and release the gravel.

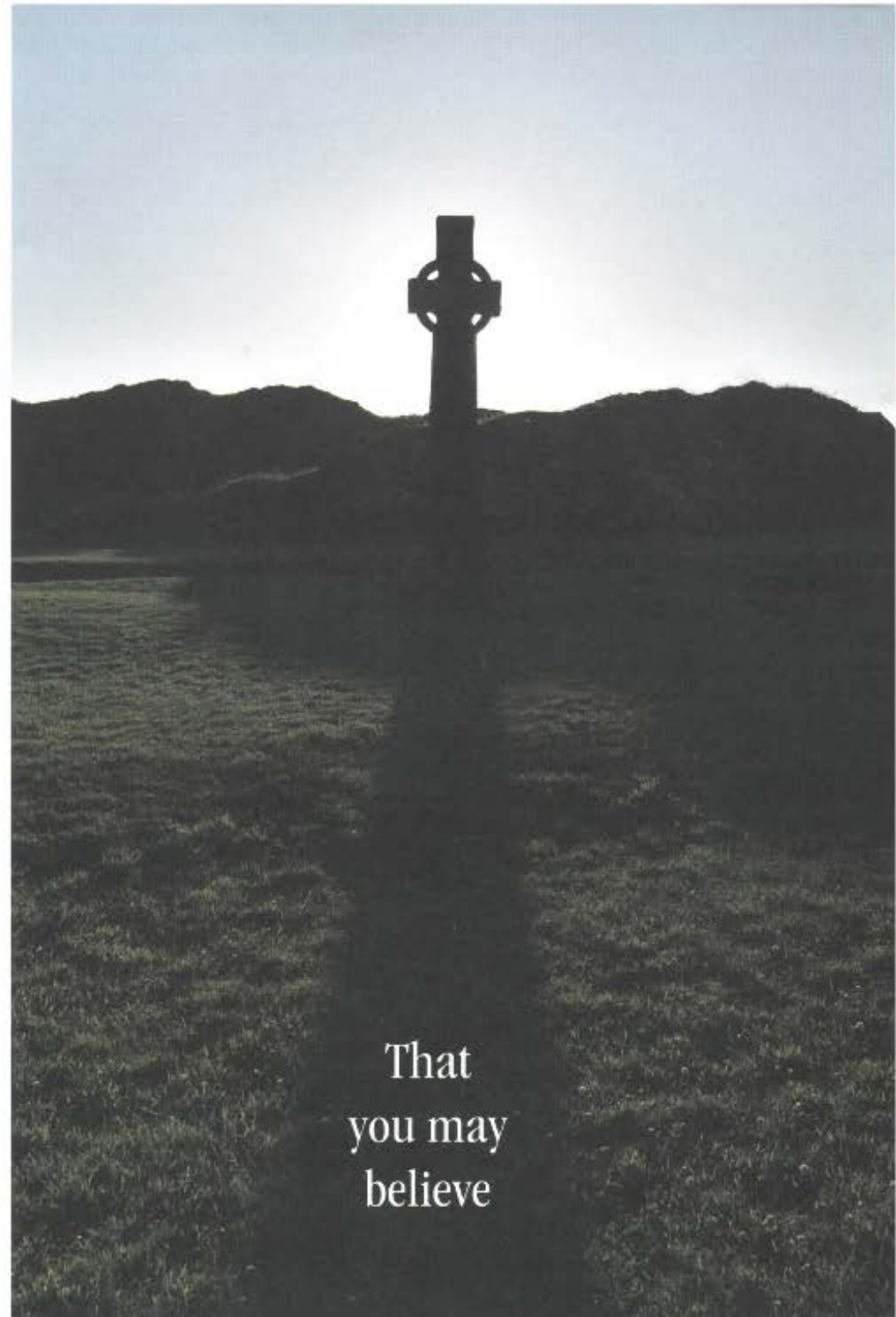
The truck began to move, and in that instant, I saw my fourteen-month-old brother standing in front of the truck. The front wheel caught his toes and ran over him, then the dual wheels, then the gravel covered him up. This traumatic event was permanently etched in my mind. When I would replay that scene and tears would flow, I became embarrassed if people were around. It was not until I was in seminary in a small group setting that I began to tell my story. Later I came to see this event as a factor in my call to ministry.

We all have stories to tell, and some of them involve us feeling as though we are standing in the shadows. But Jesus, the one who understands most fully the shadows of the cross, is with us to help us experience the resurrection light coming from the other side. And we can help one another as we tell, listen to, and share our stories. Doing so brings healing and gives us faith and life.

—Roger Eberly, pastoral team  
Eel River Community Church of the Brethren  
Silver Lake, Indiana

**Text for today:** "On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' . . . Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written *that you may believe* that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:19-23, 30-31, NIV). **Bible readings for today:** Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31 (31).

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That  
you may  
believe

**BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
at Worship April 28, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** (8:30) Tell Me the Story of Jesus arr. *Anthony Burger*  
I Love to Tell the Story arr. *Anthony Burger*  
I'd Rather Have Jesus arr. *Anthony Burger*  
I Believe *Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham,*  
*Jimmy Shirl, Al Stillman*  
(11:00) Adorn yourself, beloved soul *J. S. Bach*

**OPENING RESPONSES** The Iona Abbey Worship Book, *adapted*  
Leader: Thanks be to you O God, that we have risen this day,  
**All: to the rising of this life itself.**  
Leader: God, be the purpose between us and each purpose,  
**All: the hand between us and each hand,**  
Leader: the pain of Christ between us and each pain,  
**All: The love of Christ between us and each love.**  
Leader: O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day  
**All: bring us to the guiding light of your life abundant.**

**HAND BELL ANTHEM** (11:00) Because He lives *William Gaither*

**CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER** Jeff Carr  
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle  
of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us.  
After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

**PROCLAIMING**

**\*HYMN INSERT** *Jesus calls us here to meet him*

**CHILDREN'S TIME** (11:00) Janean Fawley  
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time  
of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 20:19-31 *NRSV*

**HAND BELL ANTHEM** (11:00) Just as I am *William Bradbury*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** The Iona Abbey Worship Book, *adapted*

**ANTHEM** (11:00) *Traditional Hymn / arr. Neil Harmon*  
Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

**SERMON** "Unwritten" Jeff Carr

**RESPONDING**

**REFLECTIONS** (8:30) Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.  
Come and See "...Follow Me..." *Marilyn Hamm*

**\*HYMN # 110** *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* AZMON

**OFFERING**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. *Clarence Kohlmann*

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

"O Lord, With Wondrous Mystery" *H. Andriessen*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**SERVICE OF EUCHARIST COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup**

**Partaking of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer after Communion**

... concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN # 280** *Christ the Lord is risen today* EASTER HYMN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** (8:30) Let Others See Jesus in You *B. B. McKinney*  
(11:00) EASTER HYMN *M. C. de Jong*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

April 28 – May 4, 2019 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.  
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

<b>Sun.</b>	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Wed.</b>	2:00	Book Study	Lounge
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Meal	Social Hall
		<i>Menu: Pizza, Chips, Fruit, Soda</i>	
		<i>Suggested Donation: \$5 adults / \$3 kids</i>	
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	Yorffs Rehearsal	Room # 35
	6:30	Properties Commission	Open Door Room
	6:30	Witness & Nurture Commission	Sojourners Room
	7:00	Christian Education Commission	Library
	7:00	Fellowship & Recreation Commission	Youth Room
	7:00	Mission & Service Commission	Lounge
	7:00	Worship & Music Commission	Seekers Room
	7:45	Ministerial Services Commission	Altruistic Room
<b>Thurs.</b>	Noon	Interfaith Association	
	6:30	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### NEXT SUNDAY– May 5, 2019 – *Third Sunday of Easter*

**Worship:** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr Sermon: “The Third Time”

Scripture: John 21:1-19

Children’s Worship during Worship at 11

**Sunday School** – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

**Youth Fundraiser Lunch** – Noon – Social Hall

**TAHS Choirs Spring Concert** – 7:30 p.m. – Sanctuary

### THIS WEEK IN THE LIBRARY

Our display highlights biographies and autobiographies of “Marvelous People.” James Herriot. Anna Mow. The Delaney Sisters. Joni Eareckson. Elder John Kline. Maya Angelou. Many more can be found in the 920’s.

## BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus  
and live the love of God.*

### ***Our Mission...***

*As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.*

### ***Our Values...***

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.  
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.  
Serving one another and our neighbor’s good.  
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

### PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

**Jeff Carr** – Senior Pastor

**Chris Zepp** – Associate Pastor

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

**Fortunato Correa** – Custodian

**Phil Flory** – Treasurer

**Karissa Hunt** – Interim Financial Secretary

**Shannon Puffenbarger** – Administrative Assistant

**Leon Rhodes** – Head Teller

### PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

**Kathleen Arndt** – Child Care Center Administrator

**John Barr** – Organist

**Jim Benedict** – Bell Choir Director

**Josh Eye** – Interim Christian Education Director

**Mary Beth Flory** – Pianist

**Marianne Houff** – Children’s Choir Director

**Ellsworth Neff** – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

**Curtis Nolley** – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

**Clarke & Hope Staton** – Youth Ministry Coordinators

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### **HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall**

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.**

**PARKING ASSISTANCE:** 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

**Deacon Caregiver** – Nikki Watson

**Decorator** – Lori Lineweaver

**Fellowship Host** – Teshome Molalenge

**Head Usher** – Don Remnant

**Van Driver** – John Flora

**Worship Leader** – Jeremy Driver

## **ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 4/21/19**

### **Worship Attendance: 11:00 – 365**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$7,900.66
Loose Offering	1,041.06
Church User Fees	125.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscriptions	30.00
Church Garden	50.00
Spring Potted Flowers	300.00
Wednesday Night Meals	381.00
Emergency Disaster Fund	100.00
Nigeria EYN	100.00
Women's Fellowship	12.00
Youth Programs	360.00

## **TURNER ASHBY HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS TO PERFORM**

The Turner Ashby Choirs, under the direction of Wes Dunlap, will present a concert in our sanctuary Sunday evening, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. Several of our youth are members of the TA choir and would love to see a robust audience for their performance. Come enjoy an evening of beautiful choral music by students of Turner Ashby High School. Admission is free and open to all.

## **WOMEN'S EVENT 2019: "LET'S PLAY DRESS UP"**

**Wednesday, May 8: 6:00 p.m. – Appetizers / 6:30 p.m. – Dinner**

This year's theme for Women's Event is "Let's Play Dress Up."

Remember when you played "dress up" and got all "fancy?" Let's have fun and "dress up" for the Women's Event! If you don't have "dress up" accessories at home, don't worry! We will have a "Glamour Corner" where you can add some fancy accessories to your outfit. Come join the fun, food, and fellowship! See the display in the greeting hall for registration forms. **Deadline for registration is TODAY.**

## **CENTRAL VALLEY HABITAT ANNUAL BANQUET**

Join CVHfH at the James Madison University Student Festival and Conference Center, on Monday, May 13 at 6:00 pm. Mike Clark, Bridgewater College football coach, will be the featured speaker. New this year will be silent and live auctions. Donations are being sought for the silent auction. For more information or if you, or a group wish to donate or attend call Anita Beckman, at 271-0543.

## **DISASTER MINISTRIES AUCTION HELP NEEDED**

Children's Activities will be available at the District Disaster Ministries Auction on May 18, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Though parents are asked to accompany their children, help is needed to monitor the activities and to maintain supplies and materials. Those who are experienced and/or enjoy face painting with children are especially needed. Contact Gladys Remnant (828-4377) or Peggy Lineweaver (476-1271) to volunteer or for more information.

## Jesus calls us here to meet him

1 Je - sus calls us here to meet him as, through  
 2 Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of  
 3 Je - sus calls us to each oth - er: vast - ly  
 4 Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed

word and song and prayer, we af - firm God's  
 Life and Lord of all, shar - er of our  
 dif - f'rent though we are; race and col - or,  
 firm in time and space, where the church in

prom - ised pres - ence where his peo - ple live and  
 flesh and frail - ness sav - ing all who fail or  
 class and gen - der nei - ther lim - it nor de -  
 earth and heav - en finds a com - mon meet - ing

care. Praise the God who keeps his prom - ise; praise the  
 fall. Tell his ho - ly hu - man sto - ry; tell his  
 bar. Join the hand of friend and strang - er; join the  
 place. Share the bread and wine, his bod - y; share the

Son who calls us friends; praise the Spir - it who, a -  
 tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in  
 hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful and the  
 love of which we sing; share the feast for saints and

mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.  
 glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.  
 doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.  
 sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.

Text: John Bell and Graham Maule

Music: Lewis folk melody; arranged John Bell

**John 20:19-31 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

**Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

**Jesus and Thomas**

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

**The Purpose of This Book**

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah,<sup>[c]</sup> the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.