

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Lisa Sampson Mom's Neice Dawn suicide.
- ◆ Lenny Spano Sister's husband passed away
- ◆ Joey Godin - Serious stomach issues.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar Dad & Brother health.
Friend Sandra Heart Issues.
- ◆ Marescot extended family health/financial.
- ◆ Gabriele Little Husband-III, Brother-ALS.
- ◆ Lisa Carter's Friends-Jenn(Breast Cancer), Jayne(Life Struggles, Cardiac Issues)
- ◆ Mary McVicar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ◆ Linda Barnes Ongoing Health Issues.
- ◆ Marion Goodwin health her and husband.
- ◆ Brad Shaw - Surgery recovery.
- ◆ Godin Family Debbie friend Carol-heart Dennis sister in law Alzheimer's
- ◆ Spiritual and Physical well being of the church and all its members.

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Order of Worship

Song 290 *Shine Jesus Shine*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 31 *Be Still And Know*

Song 364 *Come Share The Lord*

Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, David
Lawrance, Erik Cote

Song 683 *I Am Mine No More*

Contribution

Song 960 *It's Me*

Prayer - John Carter

Song 742 *When Upon Life's Billows*

Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo
Matthew 28:1-8

Lesson - Dennis Godin

He Is Risen

Lesson Text: *John 11:17-44*

Song 674 *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - James Butler

Greeter - Brenda Horowitz

Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 28 Contribution: 1847.80

Live the Gospel at all times;

When opportunity is there...

Preach It!

**THE BIDDEFORD
CHURCH OF CHRIST
WELCOMES YOU!**



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Welcome Visitors

We here at the Biddeford Church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

This Week's Events

Today 4/21
Life Groups

Tuesday 4/23
Singing

Birthdays

Keaton Sampson 4/21
Brenda Shaw 4/23

Sign Up for Grounds Maintenance

*Contact Angel Velez
To participate in our new
Community Outreach Project*

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Clifford Parker, TJ Balsamo
Prayer - John Marescot
Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano
Greeter - Brenda Butler
Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

He Is Risen!

Today, many in the world, religious or not, are celebrating the holiday called Easter which is also called Pascha. The focus of this festivity centers on the resurrection of Christ, our Lord and Savior. In 2017 a survey was conducted in Great Britain concerning the story of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Of those calling themselves Christians, a staggering 25% did not believe in Christ's resurrection. In the United States, in a 2015 poll, some 75% said they were Christians, while another poll reveals that only 64% believe in the resurrection. These numbers are sobering, but not surprising at all as our culture becomes more and more secular.

The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Luke 9:22

You may remember in last week's lesson I mentioned again this idea of our need to "deny" self and "take up our [his] cross daily" (Luke 9:23). This spiritual exhortation was on the heels of Jesus mentioning His own physical death on a cross and subsequent resurrection as noted in the verse above. The fact of the matter is simple, there is no hope in Christianity outside of the resurrection of Christ...none! Paul, as he sought to encourage the church in Corinth, said, "And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!" going on to say, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable" (1st Corinthians 15:17, 19). The resurrection is at the core of our hope!

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

John 11:25

Okay, it is time to be honest about something. As time passes, and life happens, the story of the resurrection can at times seem...difficult to grasp. Our world has for years gone through the cycle of life and death, but few had witnessed a resurrection. The bold

statement of Jesus mentioned above is found in the story of Lazarus, something most are familiar with. Jesus comes on the scene after Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days (John 11:17). The mourning process was well on its way as people grieved together with Martha and Mary. Martha, hearing that Jesus was on His way, went out to meet Him, expressing her wish that He had come sooner so that her brother would not have died. But listen to what she says next, "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You" (John 11:22). Faith... right? Well, as the story goes further, we find Jesus, along with Martha and Mary and those grieving with them at the tomb of Lazarus. Jesus said, "Take away the stone" (John 11:39). Martha's response is understandable but appears to lack the faith of just moments ago, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days" (John 11:39). Sometimes circumstances cause us to question what we believe. Well, you know how the story ends, Lazarus is resurrected.

Fast forward to the events of the cross and the resurrection of Christ. Even after being told of the empty tomb, some disciples thought it was "like idle tales" (Luke 24:11). After showing Himself to His disciples, they shared it with Thomas who spoke these words, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25). Believing in the resurrection of Christ took faith then, as well as now. Believing He can and will resurrect us as well, also takes faith. It is in the reality of His resurrection that we have hope of our own resurrection. He truly is the resurrection and the life, because He is RISEN! Do you believe?

Dennis

Sermon Notes
