



**Emmanuel Newsletter**  
**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One of the delights of spring is that color begins to emerge from the grayness of dead grass and leafless trees. Green buds and yellow daffodils and blue crocuses bathe our eyes in the splendor of God's creation.

It is not a coincidence that we celebrate Easter in Spring. The wisdom of our forebears understood the harmony of nature and God and hence, arranged our liturgical calendar to coincide with Spring.

I hope that we can focus on the Epistle this week from 1 John chapter 3. In it are these words: "What we do know is this: when he [Jesus] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is." In this letter, understood to be written by an unknown leader from the Johannine community, we are told that "we are like Jesus" and if we have the eyes to see – "we will see him."

In Luke's gospel Jesus says to the disciples, "Touch me and see". And they gave him broiled fish to eat with them. In this action we learn that the resurrection is not abstract. It is 'see-able and touch-able". It is God in the flesh. And yet for most of our busy lives Jesus is unseen, hidden in the forest of our too busy lives.

In our dialogue sermon on **Saturday, April 17 at 5:00 p.m.** by Zoom, I invite you to share what you have seen of God in the world. Perhaps together we will see and recognize ourselves and our communities bloom too, like the flowers that show themselves to us so wonderfully.

For truly, "You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:48

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Joyce Caggiano

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## PRAYER LIST

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul; Mary; Beth; Jenny; Dianna; Joseph; Catherine and Brant; Carla; Michael; Louise; Parker, and Sergio.

(Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---[info@emmanuelwr.org](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org). Only first names will be used.)

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**NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, April 17, 2021.**

Join Zoom Meeting Service:

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<https://zoom.us/j/94693544423?pwd=bjNpYkpJeTMxdGZYK21JNUNWWHp2QT09>

Meeting ID: 946 9354 4423

Passcode: 203372

**After 7:00 pm on Saturday, view the TAPED service anytime via our website or YouTube site:**

[www.emmanuelwr.org](http://www.emmanuelwr.org)

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