

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of Alabama
The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop
The Rev. Candice B. Frazer, Rector
The Rev. Andrew S. Brislin, Associate Rector

MINISTERS SERVING THIS SUNDAY

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER:

Rebecca Taylor

LECTOR: 8:00 AM Garrett Bamman

10:30 AM Sharon Massey

LEMS: Nan Barganier, "Smitty" Smith, Andy Akin

VERGER: Bill Garrett

ACOLYTES: TEAM MATTHEW:

Lucy Calhoun, Ways Holloway,

Gage Holloway, Josiah Monson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Tina & Clark Waggoner

VESTRY GREETER:

April McKay, Julia McNair

AV CREW: Jason Pate, Camera

, Sound

, Camera

ALTAR GUILD:

8:00 AM Elizabeth Conner

10:30 AM: Katherine Schull, Barbara Gaston

FLOWER GUILD: Cara Coreale

USHERS: Bruce Salmon, Sam Christensen

10:30 AM: Scott Bamman, Jeff Holloway,

Evans Bailey, Barrett Austin

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO 11:00 AM

Voluntary *Partita on "Christ is Arisen" (J. Martinson)*

Introit *The Lamb's high banquet called to share (Plainsong, Mode 8)*

Hymn 182 *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing (Truro)*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 *Cum invocarem*



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, de- / fender of • my / cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on / me and / hear my / prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dis- / honor • my /glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and / run af- • ter / **false** / gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does / wonders for • the / faithful; *
when I call upon the / LORD, he • will / **hear** / me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and / do not / sin; *
speak to your heart in / silence • up- / on your / bed.
- 5 Offer the ap- / poin - ted / sacrifices *
and / put your / trust in • the / LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see / bet - ter / times!" *
Lift up the light of your / countenance • up- / • on us, • O / LORD.
- 7 You have put / gladness in • my / heart, *
more than when grain and / wine and / oil in- / crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I / fall a- / sleep; *
for only you, LORD, / make me / dwell in / safety.

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from the first book of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 306 *Come, risen Lord and deign to be our guest (Sursum corda)*



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Andrew S. Brislin

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People are Form 2 found and can be found on page 385 of the Book of Common Prayer

The Prayers of the People Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Glenda and Brian, our Bishops; for Candice and Drew our clergy and Chris our seminary intern; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for Joe, our President; for Kay, our Governor; for Steven, our mayor; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask for your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison; We pray especially Debbie, Janet, Lila, Rex, Ann, Ryan, Andi, Babette, Bob, Charles, Tad, Brittney, Debbie, Violet, Jean, Ann, Martha Jane, Sue & Bill, Jane, Betty, Sophie, Edith, Hugh, Marion, Ginny, Phil, Dan. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed and those in whose memory the altar flowers are given Arthur B. "Bubber" Patton, James William Patton, Sr. Dr. & Mrs Neal Andrews, Sr., Sam Patton, Gertrude Patton, Frances Patton Oakley, Jean Elizabeth Patton, Neal L. Andrews, Martha Jane Patton Daniel,

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the safety of our armed forces especially Will McQueen, nephew of Will McQueen and those serving with them both here and abroad. We give thanks for Ascension Day School.

We pray for those who have been affected by the wars throughout the world.

We pray to you almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, inspire your people by your creative vision in the growing of your church, that we may partner with you and one another to share in The Way, The

Truth, and The Life.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Giving is available on-line by going to our website and click on the "Give" link, or text the word "GIVE" to (833)901-2138 and follow as prompted. Or on Venmo: @ChurchoftheAscension-Montgomery,Alabama

Offertory Anthem *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* (H. Friedell)
*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Thy name, Two or three are met together
Thou are in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to
gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our
living Make as sacraments of Thee, That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.*

The Presentation *The Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen*

Offertory Sentence

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. *I Chronicles 29:11*

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus Hymn S128 *Holy, holy, holy* (W. Mathias)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people kneel or stand.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

Celebrant

Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread
 A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei Hymn S165 *Jesus, Lamb of God* (W. Mathais)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem: *Be known to us in the breaking of the bread* (G. James)
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia,
Is the communion of the body of Christ.
One body are we, alleluia,
For though many we share one bread.

Hymns during Communion: Hymnal 1982: 492

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's
 sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,
 let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Hymn 186 *Christ Jesus lay in death's strong hands*



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for
 2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when
 3 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to
 4 Then let us feast this ho - ly day on



our of - fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right
 life and death con - tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re -
 which the Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the
 the true bread of hea - ven; the word of grace hath



hand he stands and brings us life from hea - ven;
 mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;
 joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us;
 purged a - way the old and wick - ed lea - ven;



there - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to
stripped of power, no more he reigns, an emp - ty
by his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal
Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our

God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of al - le -
form a - lone re - mains; his sting is lost for
sun - shine to the heart; the night of sin is
meat and drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!
end - ed! Al - le - lu - ia!
o - ther! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1564); tr. Richard Massie (1800-1887), alt. Music: Christ lag in Todesbanden, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Henri-Frederic Amiel*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

Processional Hymn 180 *He is risen, he is risen!*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Voluntary: *Christ lag in Todesbanden* (J. S. Bach)



2024 Cursillo Dates

April 18-21 (Full)
Attending Pilgrims in April:
Jon & Janan Hayden
Nick & Laura Mielke
Babette Barmettler

June 6-9 (Jenny & Brittany Wade on staff)
September 12-15
October 17-20

If you would like to attend, please contact Mandy Monson, Brittany Calhoun, or Drew@coascension.org for more information.

Coming Soon Non-Toxic Charity

Too often our work of mission to the world perpetuates systems of injustice and even oppression in ways that we are unaware and lack true knowledge to understand. We operate from a heart filled with good intentions recognizing our blessings and desiring to share them with others. Yet, our good intentions can be the “kindest way to destroy people.” As we begin to dream and create a vision around Joshua House, we are inviting the entire parish into study and discussion about how we become better neighbors to the Garden District and beyond. It is our hope you will read the book *Toxic Charity and participate in one of three church wide discussion opportunities in the Easter season. Check the eTower and stay tuned for more information on meeting dates and how you can be a part of re-imagining mission at the Church of the Ascension.*

WAYS TO GIVE AT ASCENSION



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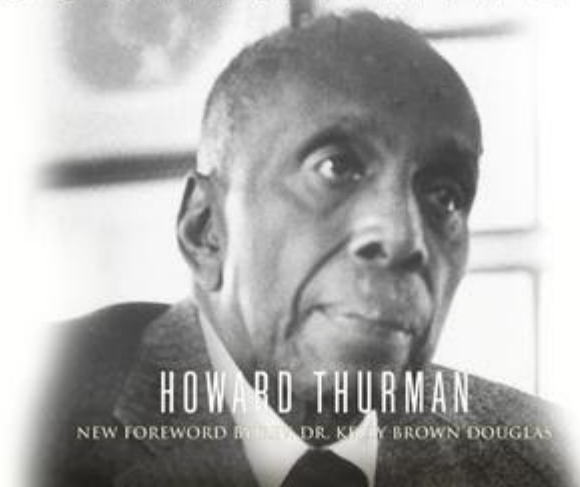
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Clergy Forum - Easter Season
Jesus and the Disinherited
Sundays at 9:15 AM - Upper Room
April 7 - May 12

JESUS
and the
DISINHERITED



God's justice prevails in the world only when we are willing to recognize and name the fear, deception, contempt, and need to love one another beyond that differences of color. Howard Thurman inspired Martin Luther King, Jr. and helped shape the Civil Rights Movement. He was the first black dean of a white seminary and the first to found and co-pastor a diverse congregation. His teaching of the Gospel examines the example of Jesus' life and declares that hatred does not empower—it decays. Thurman's gift to us is a faith that thrives in a world that attempts to destroy one's humanity, especially those who are marginalized with their backs against the wall.



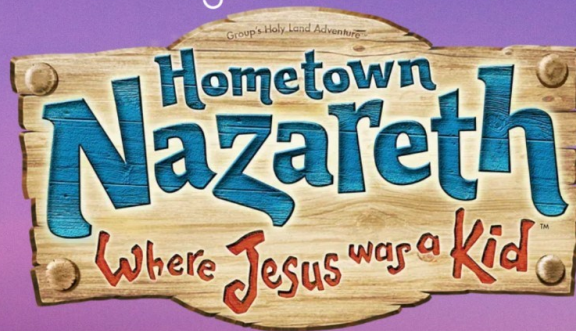
Sunday, April 21st
4:00pm - 7:00pm

We are in need of sponsors, silent auction donations, and wine donations. If you would be interested in helping please contact the church.



VBS 2024 is Here!

For children entering K4
through 6th Grade!



June 3rd - June 6th

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