

THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

APRIL 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



BECOMING AWARE

"It is something within us that doesn't let us sleep,
that doesn't let us rest,
that won't stop pounding
deep inside,
it is the silent, warm weeping
of Indian women without their husbands,
it is the sad gaze of the children
fixed somewhere beyond memory,
precious in our eyes
which during sleep,
though closed, keep watch,
systole,
diastole,
awake.

They have threatened us with Resurrection
Because we have felt their inert bodies,
and their souls penetrated ours
doubly fortified,
because in this marathon of Hope,
there are always others to relieve us
who carry the strength
to reach the finish line
which lies beyond death.

They have threatened us with Resurrection,
because they do not know life (poor things!).

That is the whirlwind
which does not let us sleep,
the reason why sleeping, we keep watch,
and awake, we dream.

Join us in this vigil
and you will know what it is to dream!
Then you will know how marvelous it is
to live threatened with Resurrection!

To dream awake,
to keep watch asleep,
to live while dying,
and to know ourselves already
resurrected!"

*"They Have Threatened Us With
Resurrection," poem by Julia Esquivel*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

RINGING OF THE SANCTUS BELL

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence B. Price

Laura Green, guest organist

CHORAL INTROIT

That Easter Day was Bright with Joy

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Come risen Christ, with us abide, in this our joyful Eastertide;
your own redeemed forever shield, from every weapon death can wield.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
from where does my help come?
**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**
We look not to the mountains or valleys,
even heaven or earth,
For God is found among us.
Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,
God is here among us.
Come, let us worship the God of Creation,
the God of All People, the God of Community.
Let us follow Jesus, and worship together in faith.

* HYMN

I Come with Joy

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS *Amy Armstrong*

*Please pass the Friendship Registers found on each row.
Complete the requested information and then pass it back down the row.
Thank you for worshipping with us at Binkley!*

*Infants through Kindergarten are invited to the Nursery.
Parents, please pick up your children at this location following Worship.*

THE LESSONS

Psalm 133

764, Response 1

Acts 4:32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

For the word of God in scripture,
and for the word of God in and among us,
Thanks be to God!

CALL TO PRAYER

That Easter Day was Bright with Joy

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O Jesus, strong in gentleness, come now yourself our hearts possess,
that we may give you all our days the tribute of our grateful praise.

MORNING PASTORAL PRAYER

Susan Rogers

A CONTEMPORARY WORD

“What is Home?”, a poem by Mosab Abu Toha

What is home:
it is the shade of trees on my way to school
before they were uprooted.
It is my grandparents’ black-and-white wedding
photo before the walls crumbled.
It is my uncle’s prayer rug, where dozens of ants
slept on wintry nights, before it was looted and
put in a museum.
It is the oven my mother used to bake bread and
roast chicken before a bomb reduced our house
to ashes.
It is the café where I watched football matches
and played—

My child stops me: Can a four-letter word hold
all of these?

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken

Text, hymnal 387

SERMON

Jonathan Kuttab

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Esto Les Digo
Jessica Cotton, soprano soloist

Kinley Lange

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you
by my Parent in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marcus McFaul

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us pray..joining our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us,

Our Mother 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. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Today we will observe communion by intinction. You'll receive the bread, and hold onto it to dip it into the cup and then partake of the elements together before returning to your seat. To ease congestion at the front, we're going to ask each section to go to the window assigned to your seating section to receive the elements from our deacons. You'll exit out the left side of your rows and return by the right side, the ushers will invite you row by row. All are welcome to the table as you are all a vital part of our community - regardless of age or membership status. If you need gluten free elements or need the elements to be brought to you due to mobility concerns - please raise your hand and Marcus and/or Amy will come to you at your seat after the choir is served at the table.

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF OUR BINKLEY COVENANT

Professing our faith in Jesus Christ, we covenant with God and one another to live together as members of this church in obedience to God's will as it has been and shall be made known to us. As part of the body of Christ throughout the world, we promise to express our faithfulness to Christ in love for one another and for the whole of God's creation. The Spirit of God assisting us, we further promise to attend the services of this congregation, observe its sacraments, support its mission to all people, practice faithful stewardship of our possessions and be conscientious caretakers of the Earth, endeavoring always to be a fruitful body of Christians.

*HYMN

Community of Christ

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* BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Daniel Burton (b. 1944)



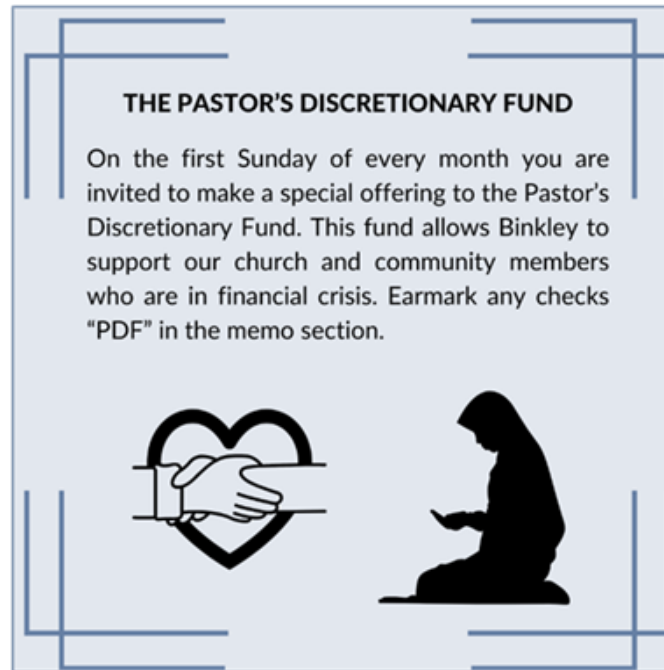
* standing as you are able

THE FLOWERS on the communion table are shared in honor of Friends of Sabeel for the Christian witness of Palestinian Theology of Liberation- a theology based on justice, non-violence and reconciliation.

Our Guest preacher is Jonathan Kuttub, international human rights attorney and Executive Director of Friends of Sabeel North America as our featured speaker. Jonathan brings a wealth of personal experience living in Jerusalem and practicing law in Palestine, Israel and the US. He is on the Board of Bethlehem Bible College and Holy Land Trust. He has long advocated for non-violence as a co-founder of Non-Violence International and the Palestinian human rights organization, Al Haq. He was the head of the Legal Committee negotiating the Cairo Agreement of 1994 between Israel and the PLO.

Mosab Abu Toha is a Palestinian poet and the author of *Things You May Find Hidden in My Ear* (City Lights Books, 2022). The founder of the Edward Said Library, Gaza's only English-language library, he is a former visiting poet in Harvard University's department of comparative literature.

Covenant Cross Installed in the Narthex: The wonderful, new Covenant Cross in Binkley's narthex was designed, created and presented to Binkley Baptist Church by member Wendy Gellert. Constructed of polished steel and fused glass, it reflects stories from both the Old and New Testaments about God's promises to his disciples.



**April 20: FORUM ON RELIGION, ETHICS, AND LAW
IN A TIME OF PLANETARY CRISIS AND POLITICAL DECLINE
Binkley Baptist Church, 9:00 am to 4:00pm**

Featuring:

Karenn Gore, Executive Director of the Center for Earth Ethics Seminary in New York City.

Herman Greene, President of the Center for Ecozoic Studies in C Berry Scholar-in-Residence of the Earth Law Center in Durango, C

Susannah Tuttle (moderator), Eco-Justice Connection Director of Power & Light, North Carolina Council of Churches in Raleigh.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/7fpfrb84>



Organ and Piano Upgrade Campaign

The fundraising campaign for upgrading the pipe organ and piano is underway. Please contribute as you are able, for every donation helps! You may use this QR code to reach Binkley's website donations page. Or a check to Binkley with "Organ/Piano Upgrade" in the memo line would also be gratefully accepted. More information is available from Mike Davis (<mailto:jmd27312@gmail.com>), chair of the Music Committee.



INQUIRER'S CLASS

As a member, an **Inquirers Class** is being offered on **Saturday morning, May 4th, at 9:30 am.**

history, meet new friends, find ways to engage in ministry, and commit yourselves to the mission of our church. An opportunity to unite with the congregation will be given the next day (**Sunday, May 5th**) at the 11am service.

Please sign-up by emailing Donna at info@binkleychurch.org. Indicate your name and the class name (Inquirers) in the email. We will meet in the Lounge starting at 9:30

WELCOME TO BINKLEY!

Binkley Baptist Church is a community of faith on a journey that calls for questioning, humility and conviction. As followers of Jesus, we embrace spiritual growth, mutual care, and service, assured that as we serve our neighbors, we joyfully serve God. Intentionally inclusive, we welcome people of all races, sexual orientations, and cultures, respecting diverse religious experiences within the church and beyond.

We invite others to join us in our commitment to peace, justice, and care for creation. In a spirit of Christian love, we welcome you.

The mission of Binkley Baptist Church is building compassionate and joyful community, freely exploring spiritual paths, and pursuing justice and peace in the way of Jesus.

GUESTS, WELCOME!

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex so we can get to know you better.

***First-Time guests receive
a Binkley Welcome Tote!***

We hope that you feel at home with us during your visit. If the church staff can serve you in any way, we welcome the opportunity. Our contact information is listed on the back page of this bulletin.

***If you are looking for a church home,
we warmly invite you to consider Binkley.***

Virtual Friendship Registry

Use the QR code below, and you will be taken directly to the form to fill out. If you prefer not to or are unable to use your phone to register, please record your attendance on the Friendship Register. If you are viewing this bulletin digitally, you can click [here](#) to sign the registry.



Giving

If you prefer to use your phone to give online instead of passing the offering plate, you may use the QR code below. You may also mail your gifts to the church. Thank you for your generosity in support of the mission and vision of this faith community. If you are viewing this bulletin digitally, you can click [here](#) to



Psalm 133

RESPONSE 1

Anonymous
Finnish folk melody; harm. David Evans

U - nite us, God, u - nite us in your ev - er - last - ing love.

RESPONSE 2

Pablo Sosa; tr. George Lockwood
Pablo Sosa; arr. Alvin Schutmaat

Unison C F G C

¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!
O look and won - der, how good it is!

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- 1 How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there God ordained a blessing:
life forevermore! R

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children & Youth Activities

Date	Children	Youth
April 7	Courtyard @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11	Courtyard @ 9 Doughnuts & Discussion @ 9:45 Worship @ 11 Youth Group @ 5
April 14	Courtyard @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship with Children @ 11	Courtyard @ 9 Doughnuts & Discussion @ 9:45 Worship @ 11

Adult Christian Formation at Binkley

Adult Church School Classes:

Mindful Parenting: Facilitated by Ty Hagler, Lisa Parks and Joey Powell in the Chapel. The class includes prayer, a brief check-in, a summary of the book or article being shared, and a discussion of prepared questions. Novice and experienced parents and caregivers – all are welcome to share laughter, support, and hope in the journey of parenting.

Sojourners Class: Led by Senior Minister Marcus McFaul in Fellowship Hall. This is a time of study and reflection for those interested in forming connections around the Bible, contemporary issues (political/social), and the Gospel. The group is designed for those Binkley members and friends who've wanted a regular, on-going opportunity for learning, friendship, and support over time.

Faith in the Company of Doubt. Herman Greene and Micheal Palmer lead a study in the Lounge of what it means to be a Christian in today's world. How do we find meaning in the presence of doubt, a commitment to critical thinking, and a world of science? Join them for a thoughtful look at living the life of faith in today's post-modern society. A hybrid class (in person in the Lounge, Zoom)

New this week: *The Who, What, When, Where, Why of Reproductive Rights: A Spiritual Approach to the Abortion Issue, Part 2:* Once again led by Nancy Davis, there will be discussion and readings on the issues, as well as self-exploration of the feelings and myths surrounding abortion.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesdays @ Binkley:

April 10, 5:30: Dinner by Linda & Karin, plus program by Binkley's Bans Off Our Bodies working group: Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity.

Registration in Friday Update or here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6b8fvxb>

May 8, 5:30: Dinner, Reading and Book signing by author and Binkley member, J. Dana Trent, of her latest book, *Between Two Trailers: A Memoir*.

What's happening with Binkley's Senior Adult Ministry?

Thanks to all who participated in our planning conversation this past Thursday! New ideas were generated, and details worked out for plans already in the works.

- *Binkley Jeopardy II - Thursday, April 25, 10:30 in the Lounge*

Amy provides fun in the form of another game of Jeopardy. Lots of friendly competition and laughter is promised! Alpaca lunch will be available afterwards for \$10 each. Registration coming next week!

- *Spring Sing-Along – Wednesday, May 29, 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall*

Sally and accompanist Mike Davis promise lots of fun and laughter in this spring musical event. Can the staff top Alvin and the Chipmunks' Christmas song?! Stay tuned for details on this event, which also includes lunch.

BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

CHURCH FAMILY

Liz Medefesser
Chet Insko
Fred Downs

John Beeson
Lyn Lamont
Mary Downs

Al Wheless
Deborah Tippet

Melissa Moore
Mary Will Thomas

A SERVICE of remembrance and celebration of the life of Donald G. Willhoit will be held April 27 at 11 am at Binkley Baptist Church. A reception will follow.

Health Center Residents and Those in the Hospital

Rachel Avery

Bill Bodkin

Nell Morton

EXTENDED FAMILY

Renzo Hernandez (Maribel Bruno)

Antonio Faria Bonano (Maribel Bruno)

Lidsi Diaz (Maribel Bruno)

Marlene Gual (Maribel Bruno)

Michele LaBounty (Megan Highsmith)

Nanh & Veo Siu (Ehn Rocham & Phyt Siu)

Maclyn Slack (Carol Ripley-Moffit)

Thomas McIlwain (Ashley Nissler)

Helen Shelton (Rob Lewis)

Zeke King (Lori King)

Joan Wise-Hostetter (Jim Wise)

Ray Barfield (Marcus McFaul)

Joe Grieshaber (Karen Long)

Polly Heninger (Karen Long)

TJ Lentz (Julie Lentz)

Luisa Euwema (Julie Lentz)

Brenda Boozer (Libba Wells)

Anthony Taylor (Dorothy Pennell)

Gordon Clifford (Sally Molyneux)

Valerie Harper (April Harper)

Robert Custer (Barbara Davis)

Gretchen Jordan (Gloria Lightsey-Lewis)

Ethan & Charlotte Zolit (Martha Hutt)

Oleg Ivanoff (Martha Green)

David Houser (Paul Lindsay)

Adah Miller (Paul Lindsay)

Frank Spillman (Jim Wise)

Ruby Switzer (Katherine Walker)

Bailey Coughlin (Claudia Batts)

Melba Plemmons (Janice Plemmons)

Brian Smith (Linnea Smith)

Janice & Mahan Siler (K. Eastman Zirkle)

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed

Tan & Scott Coats (Myanmar missionaries)

Ukrainian People

Hope Flowers School – Issa Family

Palestinian and Israeli victims of violence

Pinheiro Baptist Church, Maceio, Brazil - Odja Barros &

Wellington Santos, Pastors

People of Sudan

Pastor Ishan Biswas, Native Evangelical Church, Bangladesh

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