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Communion	Gene Pollastro
Sermon	Joe Lewis
Closing	Michael Pickering



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Not Your Mother's Easter Sermon

Easter Sunday is a special day for many people around the world. It is a jam packed day full of faith, family and friends. A morning celebration of our Lord and Savior, followed by fellowship, good food and the inauguration of the Spring season. Growing up, Easter was always eventful; an Easter Church Service preceded an Easter Egg Hunt, that preceded an Easter Brunch, which preceded an Easter Nap, which preceded an Easter Dessert and concluded with a "Good Easter's Night's Sleep." But something wasn't right. At the time I didn't understand, as I was just a child. I was too blinded by the facade of food, easter eggs, and candy to actually ponder the question, "Do I believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?"

At the time did I believe in God? **Yes, I did.** Did I believe in Jesus? **Yup, I did.** Did I believe that Jesus was a really good guy who did a lot of really good things? **Of course.** But did I fully know and believe in my heart that God sent His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, down to Earth to redeem humanity? Did I believe that after He was crucified, died, and buried, He was resurrected in accordance with the Holy Scriptures for the forgiveness of our sins? In other words, did I fully believe who Jesus was who He said He was? Well, I guess my true answer to you would have been "**I don't know.**"

I know that today is a special day for many of you, and you probably want me to preach something nostalgic that reminds you of your childhood. But today, God is calling me today to speak to the skeptic, the cynic, and the people like the old me who simply "**just don't know.**" If I am speaking to you, I first want to begin by acknowledging that your questions and doubts are valid. Even the most believing among us have doubts and questions about God, our Faith, and the Bible. We are a church that encourages you to ask the hard questions, not shy away from them. I hope that today I can help curb your doubts and answer your questions using a combination of reliable historical context, experience, and God's word. Lastly, if you are one of the people whom this message is for, all I ask is that you soften your heart and listen to the words **God** has to say.

Joe Lewis



Prayer Request

Services & Meetings: Week of April 9, 2023

- Marti Hopper's cousin Molly Love passed on Sun., Mar. 26th after a long battle with heart problems. Pray for Molly's daughters Kim & Jessica
- Sue Kelly's cousin Barry Krouse has been diagnosed with throat cancer
- Bridget Lewis' friends father Jim has passed on after a long battle with liver disease. Pray for his family who are mourning his loss. Bridget's friends Amy & Lu on their journey with God. Our loved ones who are struggling with addictions may they find healing and peace
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who started radiation combined with chemo infusion on Mon., Feb. 27th for five weeks Mon.—Fri. Becky successfully completed the five weeks with little discomfort. The doctors are waiting to see the impact the treatment has made to the tumor. Becky's next scan is scheduled for Wed., May 10th. The hope is that they can operate and remove the cancerous tissue without damaging the critical arteries it is wrapped around
- Continue prayers for Doug Vile who has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and his wife Jere who is always by his side and a constant support
- Pray for DcOC minister search
- Pray for safe travels for our congregation members
- Pray for our visitors
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our deacons, teachers, leaders, and each other

Praise and Thanksgiving

- Bob Harvey had cataract surgery on Wed., April 5th which went well
- Michael Morris' nephews wife Deb had a liver transplant on Thurs., Mar. 16th. Deb's friend Desiree donated part of her liver. The surgery went well. Both Deb and Desiree are doing well. Desiree was discharged from the hospital on Wed., Mar. 22nd. Deb has been discharged from the hospital
- Jo Harvey's long time clients wife Anne McCutchan had surgery on Thurs., Mar. 16th to remove her esophagus. The surgery went well. She does not need a feeding tube. She has been discharged from the hospital

ON-LINE PRAYER REQUEST

- Digman Hash (Paterson, NJ) - pray for their on-line missionary, bring members in sync with Jesus way of life

Sunday AM Worship 9:30 am
Sunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES 11:00 am

Wednesday - Pray & Bible Study

****Zoom Meeting** Virtual** 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

If you are interesting in attending
email: info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

Event Calendar

Apr 9th Easter Sunday
Apr 13th Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm
Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT
Contact : Michael P.

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for ALL AGES

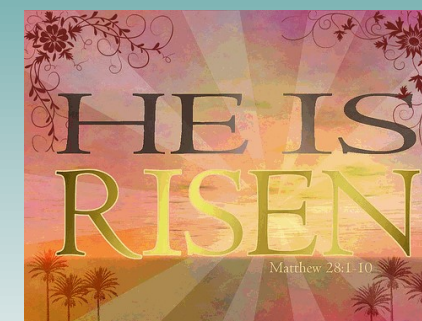
Adult Upstairs Class

"Passion, Crucifixion, Resurrection" - Gene Pollastro

Ongoing Meeting (church building)

⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Tues. 7:00 pm
Rehearsals
⇒ Al-Anon Thurs. 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
⇒ Narcotics Anonymous Thurs. 6:30 pm—9:30 pm

Events



Sunday, April 9th

Easter Sunday

Wednesday—Pray and Bible Study

****Virtual****

****Zoom Meeting****

7:00 pm—8:00 pm

If you are interested in attending the virtual bible study, please email us at info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

It's a chance for us to connect, come together digitally to share, laugh and see each other as we unlock the bible together.

Come join us!



Weekly Fellowship

Thursday—Bowling fellowship

12:15 pm—2:00 pm
Strikers
840 Federal Rd., Brookfield



