

Resurrection Encounters

8:45 a.m. + April 12th + Second Sunday of Eastertide



He Qi, The Doubt of St. Thomas

I believe firmly that during these great fifty days of Easter, [the] same invitation is extended to each one of us: to catch the drift of what Jesus is really inviting us to and to deepen our capacity to receive the intense spiritual energy available to us during this sacred season as a catapult to our own transformation - rather than merely sloughing it off in partying and business as usual. Jesus is headed somewhere amazing during these fifty days, and we can follow right along if we can keep up.

Cynthia Bourgeault

Crossing the Threshold

Bringing Our Authentic Selves

*We come here to worship,
We come here to pray.
Aware of our weakness,
In need of your grace.
Some of us hiding,
Some of us found.
Standing together upon holy ground.*

*Boundless love and beautiful grace,
Filling this place, filling our hearts.
In our delight and in our despair,
Still you are there,
Flooding our lives with boundless love.*

"Boundless Love"

Sitting with a Prayer

Inspired by **Psalm 13**, Malcolm Guite

*Come down to free us, come as our true friend,
How long, how long? Oh do not hide your face
Or let me sleep in death, but light my end,*

*Till it becomes a bright beginning. Place
Your wounded hands in mine and raise me up
That even grief itself may turn to grace.*

*Then I will sing a song of sudden hope,
Then I will praise my saviour, the divine
Companion who drank the bitter cup*

*And in so doing made it flow with wine,
That his strong love might overrun my heart
And all his joy in heaven might be mine.*

*Then I will sing his song, and take my part
In love's true music, as his kingdom comes
And heaven's hidden gates are drawn apart.*

Song of Response

"Yeshua, O Blessed One"

***Yeshua, O Blessed One, may your peace take root in me.
Yeshua, O Blessed One, may your peace arise in me.***

Contemplating the Gospel

John 20:24-29

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

After eight days his disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, "Shalom to you. Peace to you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not be faithless but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

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Meditation

Opening Up

"May My Peace Be with You"

***There are walls I've built for my protection,
Doors I've locked to hide away.
Through the power of resurrection,
You appear and I hear you say,
"May my peace be with you."***

*Peace is the key to my unlocking.
To see the truth beyond my pain.
Moving beyond the wounds I carry.
Facing the world I will exclaim:
"May my peace be with you."*

Centering in God

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. Christ is within you. If it helps you to center, use the heart-focused breath prayer "My Lord (inhale) "and my God" (exhale).

Preparing to Receive

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"May My Peace Be with You"

Holy Communion

Receiving a Good Word



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Haley Brown – Associate Director of The Anchor House
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Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr. – Pastor of The Center

Today's Music

"Boundless Love" – Peter Johns, *"Yeshua, O Blessed One"* – Michael Sciretti Jr.,
"May My Peace Be With You" – Peter Johns.

Yoga at The Center: A Posture of Prayer

April 13th | The Anchor House | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | \$10 per class

In this course, led by Jonathan Mangrum, we will use the practice of yoga as a lens to explore what it means to embody spirituality. Each class will include time engaging in breath work, meditation, yoga postures, and poses.



gastrochurch at MIMO

Wednesday, April 15th | MIMO | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | \$65

Welcome to the season Easter, the season of feasting and celebrating all that is good! Join us at MIMO for this feast led by the Director of gastrochurch, Haley Brown. This gathering will focus on some of the spiritual and emotional invitations wine makes to us while enjoying delicious European dishes, one of which is a recreation of Haley's #2 Best Meal of all time. The price of the ticket includes 4 courses accompanied by the perfect wine pairings.



Where Sound Meets Silence

Thursday, April 16th | The Anchor House | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Each week Peter and Zach guide a gentle rhythm of silence, Scripture, and improvised music for violin and piano. Within this quiet, gentle space, we reflect on the passage appointed for Sunday's worship, trusting the Spirit to speak anew through word and sound alike. We gather for about thirty minutes of prayer, stillness, and reflection. Those unable to attend in person are warmly invited to join online as the reflection is streamed live. There is no cost to attend but registration is recommended.



SoulCollage: Discover Your Wisdom

Saturday, April 18 | The Anchor House | 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Suggested Donation

SoulCollage® invites us into balance as an inner and outer journey as voiced in the SoulCollage® tagline: "Discover your Wisdom! Change your World!" ALL are welcome, regardless of ability to make this donation.



Bringing Butterflies Home: A Creation Care Event

Sunday, April 19 | The Anchor House | 11:30 a.m.

Do you long to feel closer to nature, but you're not sure where to start? Attracting butterflies to your yard or porch is a powerful—yet easy—entry point to healing and transforming yourself, your community, and our planet. Join us for this special opportunity to celebrate and get to know landscape designer Elizabeth Olsen, co-owner of Go Native Landscaping who will be our partners in co-creating The Anchor House Grounds later this fall. Elizabeth has also just released her new book, "Bringing Butterflies Home: Gardening with Native Plants to Heal Our Yards and Ourselves" which is full of wisdom on how we can care for creation. We hope you'll join us at this special event. Lite bites will be available as well as a chance to hear about our plans for the backyard. Please RSVP with your plans to attend to Haley at hbrown@chapelwood.org

New to The Center Gatherings

Sunday, April 19 | The Anchor House | 5:30 p.m.

If you'd like to learn more about Contemplative Worship, The Center's ongoing experiences and offerings, and ways to serve or get more plugged into the community, please join us at one of the New to The Center Gatherings. These gatherings are for anyone who might be thinking of becoming a formal member or just looking to understand more about contemplative Christian spirituality. Whether you've been visiting for a couple of weeks or a couple of months, this will be a great next step to becoming more connected to all that The Center has to offer.



Giving to The Center

We invite you to financially give to The Center in response to what you have received today or throughout our contemplative offerings. Using the QR code will take you to a page where you can make a one-time offering or recurring gift. Thank you for your contribution and investment.



Holding One Another in the Light

As our commitment to one another deepens, we want to be able to pray for one another – bearing burdens and joining in celebrations. Here is how to participate:

1. *Make a request for prayer or thanksgiving using the QR link or go to thecenterfcs.org*
2. *Opt in to receive the weekly prayer list by emailing Rachel at rscoretti@chapelwood.org.*

