

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

May 2, 2021



“Abide in me as I abide in you.”

Prelude Trumpet VoluntaryG. Young
Welcome I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*
Opening Hymn #304-I come with joy to meet my Lord Verse 1

The Gloria (Spoken)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Acts 8:26-40.

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop,

and both of them, Philip, and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

Psalm 22:1-5

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

1 John 4:7-16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

The Gospel According to John 15:1-8

¹⁵"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Sermon

Rev. Cathie

Reflection Music

Abide With Me.....piano soloArr. Timothy Matthews

Soon Yeon Chung

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [*Michael* our Presiding Bishop, and *Carlye* our Bishop; and for] all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Join in praying for those on our parish prayer list.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Let us pray for the whole human family.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP pg. 815)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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 to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Celebrant and People.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

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

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Since we cannot all receive communion in person together, let us make an act of spiritual communion.

People: Grant, Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your Body, so may our souls be fed and healed by like faith in you, whom we cannot now all sacramentally receive. We ask this through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer for the Nation:

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP pg. 258)

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Romans 15:13

Prayer for St. Bartholomew's

Dear Triune God, our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We thank you for the love that you give to your children and your constant presence in our lives. We thank you for the gifts and talents that you have given to each of us.

We believe that because of God's love for us he sent Jesus to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins so that we may have eternal life. We know that we are called to be the light of Christ to those in need.

We ask for wisdom as we move forward seeking to know your will for our church family. We ask for courage so that we can boldly share the good news, loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Keep us united as a family. Please guide, protect, and equip us to do your will each and every day. And in the name of your son Jesus Christ, we promise to use our gifts and talents to bring honor and glory to you all the days of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Day of Discernment-September 29, 2018

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MILESTONES

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God which directed their every action be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore **Amen**

Dismissal Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HYMN #304-I come with joy to meet my Lord.

**1: I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.**

**2: And thus, with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.**

Celebrant-Rev. Cathie Sklenar-Studwell

Music Director-Soon Yeon Chung

Lector- Toby Winiarski

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Prayer List-May 2, 2021

*Kindly keep the following parishioners and friends
in your prayers this week:*

Sherri, Susie, Jeana, Michelle, Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Margaret, Allen, Peter, Peggy, Choi, Mason, Jody, Fred, Ron, Jim, Evelyn, Jimmy, Sherry, Meaghan, Larry, Donna, Dic, Rich, Lisa, Ted, Lesli, Jonathon, Grace, Becky, MaryEllen, Jeffrey, Vern, Joan, John, Gloria, Kathy, Joan, Rakesh, Pam, Danielle, Rocky, Phil, Scott, Pete, Kathy, Dave, Danny, Karen, Carol, Amy, Michael, Oliver, Brigida, Billy

For our nation that we may heal and join together.
For our President, Vice President, and all Elected Officials.

For all families suffering from the loss of a loved one.

Prayers for those who are grieving the loss of over three million people globally, and over five hundred and seventy thousand Americans who have perished due to COVID19.

For Wounded Warriors, All Medical Professionals, First Responders, Educators
Grocery Store Workers, Delivery People, and Everyone working to help our country.

Our Wardens, Vestry, Journey Forward Team, All Ministry Teams
all Parish members needing prayer.

Please remember in your prayers the friends and families of our parishioners and neighbors who are serving in the military:

Bobby, USA Jennifer, USA, Nicholas, USMC, Anthony, USA Miles, USA

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant _____ as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Whether In-Person or On-Line

You Are Welcome Here...Come and See.

Worship Schedule

May 9 10:00am Worship and Holy Eucharist on-line via Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube. For in person worship-please email Rev. Cathie if you would like to come to the church to worship.

May 16 10:00am Worship and Holy Eucharist on-line via Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube. For in person worship-please email Rev. Cathie if you would like to come to the church to worship.

The Week Ahead at St. Bartholomew's

Monday-Saturday-Morning Prayer 9:15-9:45

via Conference Call (339) 209-6277

Thursday-May 6-Thursday's With Isaiah 10:30-11:30 am via conference call

Save the Dates.

Sunday-May 2-Children's Ministry Workshop after worship

Sunday-May 7 Sunday Video Study Program 7-8:00 pm via Zoom

COURAGE-Jesus and a call to a brave faith

The Conviction of Courage

Saturday-May 8-Goshen Diaper Drive at church 10:45-12:15 pm.

Please remember St. Bartholomew's in your giving.

Checks can be mailed or taken to church.

Donations can also be made via on-line giving.

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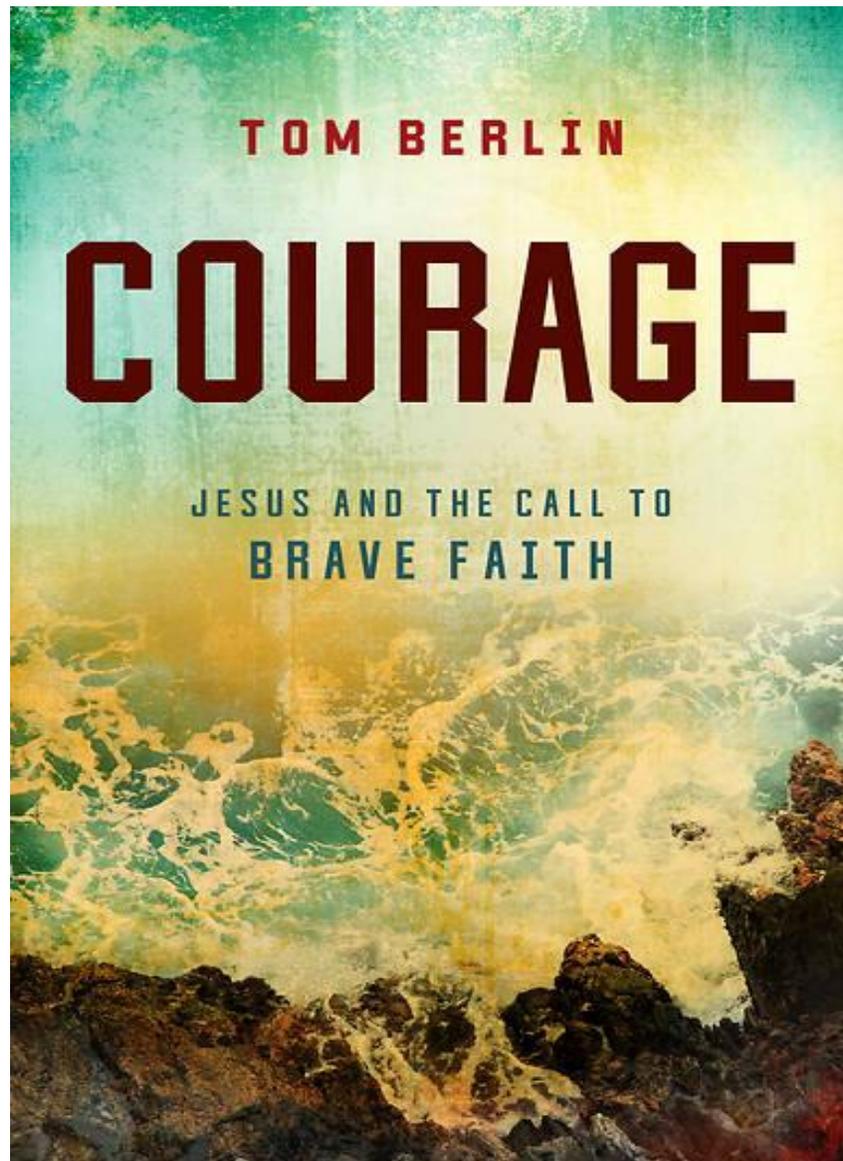
St. Bartholomew's Annual Meeting

The new date for the
Annual Meeting is May 16.

It will take place after church.

Hopefully outside at 11:00am.

More information will be sent out
as we get closer.



Sunday Night Study

The Conviction of Courage

Zoom Meeting from 7:00-7:45pm

Video followed by Discussion.



Thursday, May 6

Come and be a part of the journey with

Isaiah Chapter 43

Thursday Mornings-10:30-11:30

Via Conference Call 339-209-6277

No previous study of Isaiah needed to
participate.

All are Welcome!

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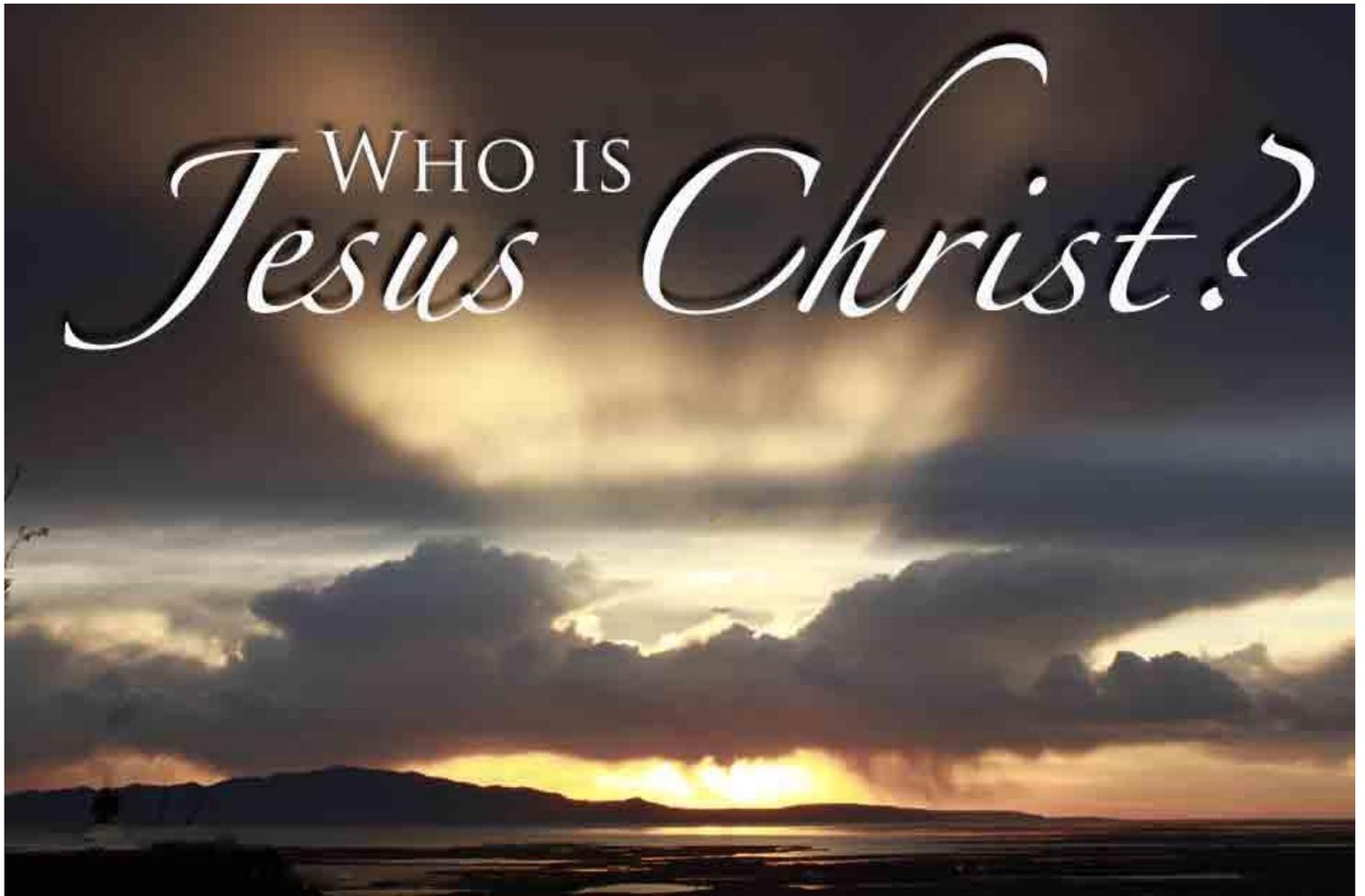
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Children's Ministry Workshop



Meetings after church

May 2, 9, and 23

June 6, 13, and 20