



Chaires Methodist Church:  
 "A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ"

## Living the Resurrection (Sermon Series)



Of all the high holy days on the calendar of faith, Easter is by far the highest and the holiest. There is no exuberance that is too loud, no expression of joy that is over the top, no exercise of new life that can be shut down. Easter calls for excess. Don't let it slip in silently; it needs brass accompaniment. And not just on one day. Easter is not a day; it is a season. **Easter or (Eastertide) is actually 50 days.** That is why our worship series grabs hold of Easter and runs all the way to Pentecost, breathless and panting for the Spirit to come and breathe new life into our lungs so that we can endure the journey through the long season after Pentecost. The joy of Easter needs to sustain us until the Spirit can launch us into the next phase of experiencing the kingdom of God.


The twentieth-century humorist Evan Esar said, "Easter is the only time when it is perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket." Who knows what that means? It is about leaning into Easter with all your faith, with all your hope. "Living the Resurrection" is about putting all your spiritual eggs in the basket of new life, new hope. It is our hope that through this long, but important series, our congregation can try on their new Easter clothes, living into what this gift is all about.

We call ourselves Easter people, but what does that mean?

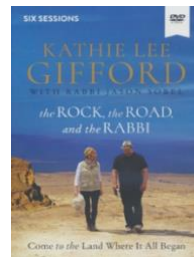
How do we live in the real world as those who are fully committed to the promise of Easter? What does it look like for a community of faith to grab hold of this new way of living, this new way of being a part of the kingdom of the Resurrected One?

We will focus on the gospel text for this season, but the other texts might also help us illuminate these stories. But our question is always, "How does this help me live today?"

Grasping a historical understanding of our text is always a valuable exercise, and we'll do some of that as we go through this series. But in the end, it is about application. It's about more than just understanding what happened; it is really about living the Resurrection, right here and right now.

 ***If you would like Pastor Kerry to call or visit, please let Susan, the secretary, or Pastor Kerry know. His contact information is in the bulletin.***

**Sign up for an exciting adventure from April 25-May 30!**



Kathie Lee invites you to join her as she visits sites in Israel that have impacted her life. As she shares her story, Rabbi Jason Sobel, a messianic Jewish rabbi who was trained in the ancient rabbinical way, provides fascinating background details into the language, culture and heritage that make the story of the New Testament come alive. Kathie Lee and Rabbi Sobel will take you and your group beyond the typical "Sunday school" teaching to examine the original texts of the Bible.

Now you can walk with Kathie on a journey through the spiritual foundations of her faith:

- **The Rock (Jesus Christ):** Hear directly from Kathie about her life-changing and ever-deepening connection with Jesus, the Lover of her soul.
- **The Road (Israel):** Explore dozens of ancient landmarks and historical sites from Israel, the promised land of God's covenant.
- **The Rabbi (God's Word):** Go beyond a Sunday-school approach to the Bible by digging into the original languages and deeper meanings of the Holy Scriptures.



Residing Hope, formerly known as the FL Methodist Children's Home, will be our mission focus for April. We will collect a special offering throughout the month and include articles in the newsletter. If you wish for your donation to be recorded on your church giving statement, make your check out to *Chaires Methodist Church* and write *Residing Hope* in the memo line.

### **Liturgists for Worship**

We would like members of the congregation to participate in the worship service by reading the Call to Worship and the scripture readings. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet is on the long back table.



### The Choir Needs YOU!

All skill levels are welcome as long as you love music and fellowship with great folks! Practice is on Wednesdays @ 6:30

PM in the sanctuary. For more info, contact:  
Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361; gerryniel@gmail.com)

As we worship in person, all church services will continue to be posted after 1 pm each Sunday through the church website at [chairesmethodist.church](http://chairesmethodist.church).

### Adult Sunday School

This class meets each Sunday at 9 AM.



*If you would like to place flowers in the church during, please sign up on the bulletin board opposite the restrooms.*

The Upper Room for March and April is available on the back shelf in the sanctuary.

### Giving Through Our Website

Go to <https://chairesmethodist.church> and just click the blue GIVE button and you will be taken to the church REALM site. The church secretary can help you set up your account.

If you would like to receive the newsletter from the Florida Global Methodist Church, go to <https://floridagmc.org> and you can subscribe at the bottom of the page.

#### April Birthdays

Wanda Messer 1  
Gordon Lightfoot 9  
Jeanette Wood 14  
Debbie Pahl 15  
Barbara Palmer 17  
Franklin Chaires 23  
Mike Stallings 28

#### April Anniversaries

Michael & Debbie Pahl 9  
Dale & Susan Thompson 8

#### Chaires Staff

Pastor	Rev. Kerry Foote
Secretary	Susan Capelouto (secretarychairesumc@gmail.com)
Music Director	Gerry Nielsen
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland



#### Members

Marion Lollie and her husband, Sammie  
Mike and Carol Stallard

#### Friends and Family

Rishan Pala (young student of Amy Clark)  
Amy & Russell Clark  
Wendy Brown (friend of the Berrys)  
Brett Roddenberry  
Jack & Christine Stephens (brother-in-law and sister-in-law of Pete Peters)  
Esther Harrison  
Jonathan Crum  
Debbie Degagne (friend of Terry Hatcher)  
Daphne Lewis (co-worker of Renee Grubb)  
Pastor Bill Petersen  
Dennis & Sandra Rackley (brother & sister-in-law of Diane Matthews)  
Donnie Dampier (son of Don & Gail Dampier)  
Stevie Hubbard (son of Edie Hubbard)  
Christian Foote & all those who are in military service  
Pat and Bob McNealy

