



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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## ***From the Preacherman....***

Easter was a day, both ordinary and unique. Easter was a day in history, probably in the Spring of 30 A.D. It was like any other day that has ever come and gone: people worked, ate, slept, laughed, loved, cried, fought, were born and died on that day, as all other days. Easter was also a day unlike any other day in history, the day of days, when God acted once and for all to mitigate the power of sin and death and own forever the outcome of the universe. Easter was the day of resurrection of Jesus from the dead, a single day that changed all other days.

Easter is a season, called Eastertide, 50 days of celebration following the day of resurrection. In Eastertide the church focuses in song and sermon on fleshing out the ways that Easter transformed the early Church and the world. From a small band of timid followers to a worldwide religion of 2 billion adherents, Easter was indeed a great tide that swept across the world. Each year the Church matches its 40 days of contrition in Lent with 50 days of joy in Eastertide. If you gave up something in Lent as a sign of penitence, what will you take on, in delight and happiness, in light of the resurrection and hope of Jesus Christ?

Easter is a way of life. More than just an ordinary, unique day and beyond a season of celebration in the Christian year, Easter is a way of living for the sake of God and neighbor, without regard for self, success or achievement. Easter is life lived into the in-breaking reign of God's justice, mercy and grace without fear of loss, death or cost to oneself. Easter life is lived in community with others, around a common table and in common cause, bearing witness to the incredible power of God at work in Jesus of Nazareth to break down barriers, end hostility and turn enemies into friends.

Easter happened once. Easter happens every year. Easter is always happening, over and over again. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

Peace....Chris

### **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Owensboro, Kentucky Mission Statement**

*"Our mission is to manifest  
Christ's love by empowering all to  
compassionate service."*

### **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Mission Statement**

*"We are Disciples of Christ,  
a movement for wholeness in a  
fragmented world. As part of the  
one body of Christ we welcome all  
to the Lord's Table as God  
has welcomed us."*

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