

# ASCENSION & PENTECOST

May 9—May 17

## Ascension Thursday, May 9

10:00 AM The Consecration of the Human Being

## Sunday, May 12

12:00 PM Community Potluck Lunch

12:30 PM **Ascension Festival—Levity: what brings lightness to our lives?** with Rev. Liza Marcato

## Sunday, May 19: Three Day Pentecost Celebration!

12:00 PM Community Potluck Lunch

12:45 PM **Pentecost Festival: The Baptism of the Human Being: FLOW, FORM, & FIRE**, with Rev. Liza Marcato

## Monday, May 20

10:00 AM *The Consecration of the Human Being*

## Tuesday, May 21

10:00 AM *The Consecration of the Human Being*



Composition with Cross, Sophie Tauber-Arp, 1928

In the realm of the heart of the sun which is Christ, each person bears the other person's burden. True community is revealed where the separateness of sin is replaced by forgiveness and love. Forgiveness is not just getting rid of something, it is also something positive, a gift. Only those can for-give, who possess inner riches, who can turn evil into good through love.

—Rudolf Frieling, *The Hope of the World*

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## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

...in it one has the material with which a marvelous new world may be built. Perhaps it is only after much study of John's Gospel that one can receive this substance of transfiguration into oneself in such a living manner... Anyone who lives in this realm, in this essence that has come down out of heaven to the Earth, and which is yet the fulfillment of earthly history—lives in Christ.

—Friedrich Rittelmeyer  
*Letters on John's Gospel*



The Last Supper, from an illuminated manuscript, Florence, Italy, 1392-1399

## PASSIONTIDE + EASTER + ASCENSION + PENTECOST

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## WEEKLY SERVICES

All are welcome to our Communion service,

### **The Consecration of the Human Being**

celebrated weekly on

**Sundays** at 11:00 AM

**Wednesdays** at 10:00 AM

**For Children & Families** (text Rev. Liza 413-854-8875 for info)

**Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM**

Join us for stories, songs, activities to celebrate the festivals—followed by **The Sunday Service for Children** at 10:20 AM

## CONTEMPLATION GROUP

**Wednesday Mornings** 11:00 AM—12:30 PM

**NEW THEME begins March 19: The Gospel of John**

with Rev. Liza Joy Marcato

## DEAR FRIENDS,

We are in the Spring Quartet of festivals: Passiontide, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. Each year Christians walk intentionally through the cycle of death and rebirth. And why? To walk with Christ who said, "I AM the Way..." If we truly follow Christ, then we remain in movement. His call was simple: "Come, follow me!" He did not say, join my establishment. He said, "Take up your Cross and follow me." It was an individual movement for religious renewal that he called forth from each of his disciples. And the new human community shall be grown from these individuals in movement. To the rich young ruler, who we know to be Lazarus/the Disciple Whom Jesus Loved/John the Evangelist, he also offered another: sell all that you own and give the money to the poor. Remove all hindrances to movement! He also praised Mary Magdalene for her moving deed of anointing, even though she was chastised by others as foolish & wasteful. To live out of the highest and remain present to what is needed now asks spiritual fortitude & flexibility of soul. That is the Christian way—the way to fullest joy!

May the season renew and uplift you, and strengthen your courage to live more fully—

*Liza Joy Marcato* *Gisela Wielki*

Let the beauty we love be what we do. —Rumi

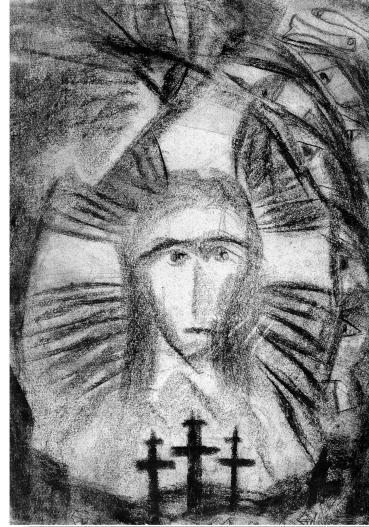
## PASSIONTIDE

March 3—March 30

**Sunday, March 17**

**12:00 PM Community Potluck Lunch**

**12:30 PM Contemplative ART Workshop: Working with the Cross & the Countenance of Christ in Charcoal** with Rev. Liza Marcato



Golgotha, Rev. Friedrich Doldinger

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES & CONTEMPLATIONS

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**"Christ is found in movement—  
the movements of the Cross"**

**Palm Sunday, March 24** (service at 11AM)

**12:00 PM Community Potluck Lunch**

**12:30 PM 'Moving towards the Cross'—Choosing to Die to Become** A Palm Sunday reflection, with Rev. Liza Marcato

~No service Holy Monday or Tuesday~

**Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday**

Weekdays: *Consecration of the Human Being* at 10:00 AM

Thurs.—Sunday: Contemplation following the service

**Maundy Thursday, March 28, 11:00 AM:** the Horizontal

**Good Friday, March 29, 11:00 AM:** the Vertical

**Holy Saturday, March 30, 11:00 AM:** the Point

**and on Easter Sunday, March 31, 12:00 PM** the Circle  
with Revs. Liza Marcato & Gisela Wielki

## EASTER

March 31—May 8

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

**12:00 PM Easter Joy Brunch:** Join us for a special meal & an Easter contemplation: **How do we move into the Circle?** *The seeds for a new kind of community, founded in the spirit. With Revs. Liza Marcato & Gisela Wielki.*

**Sunday, April 7**

**12:00 PM Coffee & light refreshments**

**12:30 PM ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING:** A report of the congregation's financial health & a shared visioning

**Sunday, April 21**

**12:00 PM Community Potluck Lunch**

**1:00 PM Harp & French Horn CONCERT** with **The Reit Duo, Alyssa and Peter Reit. \$25 suggested donation, part of proceeds go to City Harvest.** *Join us for this special concert—See flyer for more info on our website!*

**Sunday, April 28**

**12:00 PM Community Potluck Lunch**

**12:30 PM Easter Singalong,** just for the joy of it!

**Sunday, May 4**

**12:00 PM Community Potluck Lunch**

**12:30 PM Contemplative ART Workshop: What is it to Rise?**  
with Rev. Liza Marcato

**"Above all, the element of movement is important.**  
The form in which the personification of Christ manifests itself in our day is the element of movement itself—the person who is moving.  
The purely spiritual form—if a comparative image can be used—exists in the same way that a person exists when they are dead. His physical body is no longer there, but he is nevertheless there. How is he there? It is in the moment that something comes into movement, into flow ...movement comes about through provocation, through inauguration, and through initiation with movement as its aim.  
Hence it is the principle of Resurrection which is to transform the old structure, which dies or stagnates, into a vital, vibrant, life-enhancing and soul- and spirit-promoting form. That is the extended concept of art."  
—Joseph Beuys (excerpts from *Thinking Christ*, conversations between Joseph Beuys and Friedhelm Mennekes)