



# The Chalice

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## “Easter” by Joyce Kilmer

*The air is like a butterfly  
With frail blue wings.  
The happy earth looks at the sky  
And sings.*



It is a simple little poem, and it could be named almost anything - butterfly, blue wings, spring, sing - there are so many options. This poem is named “Easter.” For Joyce Kilmer, God and Jesus are essential in some way to these images and descriptions, these feelings and visions of new life that we experience every year. If there is a foundation to Christian faith, perhaps it is that there is no life, old or new, without God. If there is something particular about the Christian faith, it is that we understand and experience the God of life through Jesus. And perhaps our annual Easter lesson is that death, the death of a person or a dream, a business, a community or an idea, even our own death, is not an end, and certainly not THE end. At most it is an interlude anticipating new life. Good Friday is the doorway to Easter.

I love this little poem entitled “Easter.” I love the fresh-eyed view of “air.” In the Bible, the words for “air”, “breath”, and “spirit” are so closely related. More often than not, the same word is used for each of these, the more specific meaning being clarified by the story around it. And if not the same word, they certainly share the same root. It is something like *ruakh* in Hebrew, and *pneuma* in Greek.

How do the fresh eyes of Easter help us to “see” *ruakh* or *pneuma* anew? Keep pondering. I know, the absurdity of seeing “air” takes some work, some imagining to embrace.

And then there is that second line. We are a singing church. As we “look” with Easter eyes, Church, what will we sing? What is the good news? What is love that has to be shared? What is the healing that can’t be held back? What is the welcome that must be offered? What is our joy we cannot contain? What, Church, will our Easter voices sing?

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Alan



Maundy Thursday was very meaningful and enjoyed by the participants.

Easter Sunrise service was well attended and the sunrise was beautiful.





Easter breakfast was a happy time before worship began at 11:00 am.



Early morning practice with Josh, Diajing, and the guest brass quartet.

The choir out-did themselves with their singing. We had a guest singer, also.



Of course, Miss Grace came decked out in her Easter Bonnet.



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## May Calendar

### Sunday, May 11

10:00 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

Elder: Rosa Hall

### Monday, May 12

7:00 pm – Board Meeting

### Wednesday, May 14

5:00 pm – Pick up & deliver

Meal Ministry

5:40 pm – Eat In

6:00 pm – Bible Study

7:00 pm – Choir

### Friday, May 16

7:00 pm – Oconee Learning Center

Graduation

### Sunday, May 18

10:00 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

Elder: Cathy Moorehead

### Monday, May 19

5:00 pm – Disciple Women's Meeting

### Wednesday, May 21

5:00 pm – Pick up & deliver

Meal Ministry

5:40 pm – Eat In

6:00 pm – Bible Study

7:00 pm – Choir

### Sunday, May 25

10:00 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship

Elder: Ann Smith

### Wednesday, May 28

5:00 pm – Pick up & deliver

Meal Ministry

5:40 pm – Eat In

6:00 pm – Bible Study

7:00 pm – Choir





The Joan Mann dancers performed at the Oconee County Senior Center. Miss Grace always enjoys this treat.



The Discipe Women are collecting new and gently used towels for ACTS. This project is open to the whole church during the month of May. Thank you for your support.