

# ***Norwalk Seventh-day Adventist Church***

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*A family walking together in Christ*

*Building bridges with God's greatest love.*



***Pastor P.L. Baptiste***

***“From Breakdown to Breakthrough”***

*John 20:10-14*

*Sabbath, April 16, 2022*

# *The Church At Worship*

<i>Musical Prelude</i>	<i>Musician</i>
<i>Welcome</i>	<i>Elder Jerome Smith</i>
<i>Announcements</i>	<i>Christina Moran</i>
<i>Call to Worship</i>	<i>Pastor P.L. Baptiste</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Pastor P.L. Baptiste</i>
<i>Musical Praise</i>	<i>Praise Team</i>

*Worship Song: Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

*Praise Song: Oh How I Love Jesus - # 248*

*Opening Song: How Great Thou Art - # 86*

*Prayer Song: Welcome Holy Spirit*

<i>Garden of Prayer</i>	<i>Susuky Flores</i>	
<i>Children Story</i>	<i>Jesus Loves Me # 190</i>	<i>Emily Moran</i>
<i>Offering Song:</i>	<i>Instrumental</i>	
<i>Tithe &amp; Offering</i>	<i>Pastor P.L. Baptiste</i>	
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	<i>Eric Ocker</i>	
<i>Music of Meditation</i>	<i>Mathew &amp; Christina Moran</i>	
<b><i>Sermon</i></b>	<i>Pastor P.L. Baptiste</i>	

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<i>Closing Hymn</i>	<i>At the Cross - 163</i>	
<i>Prayer &amp; Benediction</i>	<i>Pastor P.L. Baptiste</i>	
<i>End of Service</i>	<i>When We All Get to Heaven</i>	<i># 633</i>

***City of Norwalk Sunset Times***

*Sunset Today 7:26 P.M.*

*Sunset Next Friday 7:30 P.M.*

# Welcome to Norwalk SDA Church

## **Why Easter is called Easter**

by Brent Landau

*The date of Easter, when the resurrection of Jesus is said to have taken place, changes from year to year.*

*The reason for this variation is that Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.*

## **Easter as a rite of spring**

*Most major holidays have some connection to the changing of seasons. This is especially obvious in the case of Christmas. The New Testament gives no information about what time of year Jesus was born. Many scholars believe, however, that the main reason Jesus' birth came to be celebrated on December 25 is because that was the date of the winter solstice according to the Roman calendar.*

*Since the days following the winter solstice gradually become longer and less dark, it was ideal symbolism for the birth of "the light of the world" as stated in the New Testament's Gospel of John.*

*Similar was the case with Easter, which falls in close proximity to another key point in the solar year: the vernal equinox (around March 20), when there are equal periods of light and darkness. For those in northern latitudes, the coming of spring is often met with excitement, as it means an end to the cold days of winter.*

*Spring also means the coming back to life of plants and trees that have been dormant for winter, as well as the birth of new life in the animal world. Given the symbolism of new life and rebirth, it was only natural to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at this time of the year.*

*The naming of the celebration as "Easter" seems to go back to the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England, Eostre, who was celebrated at beginning of spring. The only reference to this goddess comes from the writings of the Venerable Bede, a British monk who lived in the late seventh and early eighth century.*

## **The connection with Jewish Passover**

*It is important to point out that while the name "Easter" is used in the English-speaking world, many more cultures refer to it by terms best translated as "Passover" (for instance, "Pascha" in Greek) – a reference, indeed, to the Jewish festival of Passover.*

*In the Hebrew Bible, Passover is a festival that commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, as narrated in the Book of Exodus. It was and continues to be the most important Jewish seasonal festival, celebrated on the first full moon after the vernal equinox.*

*At the time of Jesus, Passover had special significance, as the Jewish people were again under the dominance of foreign powers (namely, the Romans). Jewish pilgrims streamed into Jerusalem every year in the hope that God's chosen people (as they believed themselves to be) would soon be liberated once more.*

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## Announcements

**Floral Arrangement:** The floral arrangement for today is donated by Sister Marsha Lee. If you would like to donate floral arrangement any Sabbath, because of a special event in your life, or the life of someone dear to you, please contact Emily Moran or Susuky Flores.

**May 7, 2022:** Special Youth and Young Adult Sabbath

**May 14:** Praise and Worship Sabbath

**Today:** Potluck Agape feast after morning worship

### Thought From This Week's Sabbath School Lesson

First, God urges Cain to “do well,” to behave the right way. It is a call for repentance and to change his attitude. God promises Cain that he will be “accepted” and forgiven. In a sense He is saying that Cain can have acceptance with God, but it must be done on God’s terms, not Cain’s. On the other hand, “if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it”. God’s counsel has revealed the root of sin, and it is found in Cain himself. Here, again, God is counseling Cain, seeking to guide him in the way he should go.

God’s second word of counsel concerns the attitude to take toward this sin, which lies at the door and whose “desire is for you.” God recommends self-control: “You should rule over it.” The same principle resonates in James, when he explains that “each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed”. The gospel offers us the promise of not only the forgiveness of sin but victory over it as well. In the end, Cain had no one to blame for his sin but himself. Isn’t it generally that way with all of us as well?