



North Liberty First

A United Methodist Community of Faith

April 5, 2026

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow
Jesus Christ.

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!!

Prelude Acabella Blessed Be Your Name

Grace Notes We Will Glorify

Remembering our Baptism Deb Brastrom

***Call to Worship**

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

We are called to be Easter people!

Darkness cannot claim us!

Fear cannot bind us!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

***Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today (V 1-3) UMH 302**

***Hymn Easter People Raise Your Voices UMH 304**

First Lesson Colossians 3:1-4 CEB

Word for Children

Second Lesson John 20:1-18 CEB

Message for the Lord's Day Rev. Deborah Coble

Easter Homily St John Chrystosem

***Response to the Word Gloria Patri UMH 70**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the
Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer.
After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...

for those who are suffering...

for those who don't know where their next meal will come

from and those who are looking for shelter from the cold...

for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,

and others in harm's way...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal; its leaders, its members,
and mission...

for the communion of saints...
for peace and goodwill to all...

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Mission And Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The United Methodist table is open to all. We serve communion by intinction, When you come forward you will be handed a piece of bread which you will dip in the cup and partake. Gluten free bread is available.

*** Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world.

We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (please follow on the screens)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

***Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.