



# 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**  
**Worship Band**                          **Sunday is Coming!**

### **Remembering our Baptism**

#### **\*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!**

**\*Song**                                      **Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

**\*Song**                                      **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**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**      (see bulletin insert)

**Special Music**                              **Oh Death**

### **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 peace and goodwill to all...

## **Mission And Ministry Moment**

### **Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory                      Like a Lion**

#### **\*Doxology**

**Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
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Blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen, Amen.**

## **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)**

**Special Music                      Communion Song**

#### **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.**

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**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.**

**\*Song                      Kingdom Celebration**

**\*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.**

**Postlude                      God So Loved**