

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Congregation is invited to rise if able and comfortable.

Readings in **BOLD** are to be read in unison.

Hymnals: UMH is Red or Purple-TFWS is Black-W&S is Green

Please note that this service is being recorded and viewed on social media.

WE GATHER

THE PRELUDE

THE MORNING DAWNS...

John 20:1-8

THE INTROIT (9:30)

I Believe

Chancel Choir

THE EASTER STORY

John 20:12-16

THE LIGHT OF RISEN CHRIST ENTERS OUR MIDST (9:30)

Christ Is Risen

UMH 307, vs.2

Christ is risen! Rise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

*THE EASTER INVITATION

Out of the darkness of grief and despair
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name,

and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, Indeed!

Christ, our Lord is Risen Today...

*THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION

UMH 302, vs. 1,2,4

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

THE EASTER GREETING

THE EASTER PRAYER OF CONFESSION

... Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

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 anxious and fearful. 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 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.

THE EASTER ASSURANCE OF OUR FORGIVENESS

*THE SHARING OF THE EASTER GOOD NEWS...

We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying, "Christ Is Risen." Please respond by saying, "Christ Is Risen Indeed."

THE CHORAL ANTHEM (9:30)

He Is The Risen Lord

Chancel Choir & Children's Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE EASTER MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

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Halle, Halle, Halleluja! (3x)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

THE EASTER GOSPEL

John 11:17-26

Pew Bible, NT ???

God's Word is alive for us!

God opened the tomb for us to see!

God, open our hearts for us to grow!

Thanks be to God!

*THE EASTER LITANY OF FAITH

When we find ourselves wondering why loss has come,
we can remember Jesus' words as he faced death:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

When we are tempted to give in to the lie that life will never
change for us, Jesus says,

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

When life's disappointments cause us to stumble,
Jesus reminds us,

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

When we ask God to give us back something we've lost, Jesus
reminds us to look forward, saying,

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

God works on both sides of the grave, giving us life now and
life yet to come, through Christ who said,

"I am the Resurrection and the Life." Amen.

THE HANDBELL ANTHEM (9:30) *Thine Be the Glory*
Carillon Choir

THE EASTER MESSAGE Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith
I Am the Resurrection and the Life:
Knowing God's Possibilities

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE PRAYERS FOR ALL GOD'S BELOVED PEOPLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 383, vs. 4-5
This is a Day of New Beginnings

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 302

The Risen Lord welcomes all to this Table.

We come to be fed by grace and hope.

Here, empty hearts are filled with resurrection joy.

We offer them to the One whose love is ever constant.

Here, we are taught to songs of praise and wonder.

We rejoice in our God who has defeated death.

...And so we raise our voices in praise:

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! vs. 5
Praises now by both are given, Alleluia!
Hearts triumphant join to sing, Alleluia!
Hail our resurrected King, Alleluia!

...And so, on this day of resurrection,
we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! vs. 3
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's your victory, boasting grave! Alleluia!

...All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God,
now and for all time!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! vs. 6
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Christ to know, God's power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing and thus to love, Alleluia!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SHARING THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

The invitation to share God's covenant love through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ is extended to all. Come and be filled with the body and blood of Christ, knowing you are beloved and rooted in that love as you go forth to love all God's children. We will serve by **intinction**.

You are invited to come by the center aisle, receive a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup and partake. Return to your seats by the side aisles. You are invited to reflect in song as all are being served. **Gluten Free Communion is available.**

THE HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

<i>Because He Lives</i>	UMH 364
<i>Up from the Grave He Arose</i>	UMH 322

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of Resurrection power, thank you for your sacrificial love we have experienced in this meal and throughout this holy week. With the dawn of this day, we can believe in the promise of new life. May we be awakened to new opportunities to love, serve, and witness to the Good News of this Easter celebration. Amen.

THE EASTER OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offering plates are available at each door as you depart.

You may also give online or by mail to the church office.

*THE PRESENTATION *My Tribute* UMH 99

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me,
with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done.**

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giver of new life, our hearts are overflowing with the joy and excitement of Easter. We pray that you will take our exuberance and these gifts to bring light and hope to those trapped in darkness and despair. May these offerings share the story of your love with those have not yet seen the risen Lord in their midst. In the boldness of those who have encountered the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION *He Lives* UMH 310

*THE EASTER COMMISSION INTO THE WORLD

It is the first day of the week!

It is the day of new beginnings!

So, let us go with the assurance of the Easter truth!

God, our Creator, the Great I AM goes with us!

Go forth to live in the power of the Resurrection!

**We go trusting and believing God
has new opportunities to show us!**

Go now to share the Easter message! – Christ is Risen!
Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

*THE LIGHT OF THE RISEN CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

The Day of Resurrection UMH 303, v. 3

**Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.**

*THE POSTLUDE

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship
between our services at 10:30 a.m..*

***Our Service Of Worship Has Ended
Our Worship Through Service Begins***

Thank you to those who participated in our Easter Service

Handbell and Choral Choirs

Trumpeter: David Furda

The Altar Guild for arranging the garden at 9:30

And Bill Tompkins for the flowers at 11:00

Words of Welcome

Welcome to this service of worship. We pray this service offered an opportunity to engage with the Divine. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining together with us, where we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.

For Your Information

- There are **hearing devices** to assist you to experience the service more clearly with our streaming team, in the rear of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up.
- A **rocking chair** is available, for the comfort of parent and baby, in the rear of the sanctuary, behind the pews.

