



# Dunbar United Methodist Church

## Easter Sunday

### April 5, 2026

*Our Mission at Dunbar United Methodist Church is to:  
Reach the World for Christ; Preach the Word of God;  
Teach the Way of Discipleship. Our vision is to be a Church that is  
Christ-centered, Spirit-led, and utterly consumed by the mission of God.*

**Bolded** print is intended to be read aloud by all  
\* signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

PRELUDE Sharon Cline, Organist

EASTER GREETING & WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Jarrod Caltrider

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed!**  
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LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

\* OPENING HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMH#302

*As the music begins, you are invited to come forward and place a flower on the cross as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection and the new life gifted to us through the mighty work of Jesus in his life, death, and resurrection.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Terri Ray, Liturgist

We thought you were dead. We thought the cross was the end.  
We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb, that was it. But this is it:  
**the dead are living; the cross is empty; the stone is rolled, and one word describes it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

We thought you had said your final word. We thought those with the power had won.  
We thought that when you cried out, that was it. But this is it:  
**the word breathes; the powers are defeated; the final cry was only the beginning, and one word says it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

We thought the story was finished. We thought the hope had ended.  
We thought that when the tomb was sealed, that was it. But this is it:  
**the story has just begun; the hope is newly born; the tomb is empty, and one word says it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

This is the news:  
**Jesus is risen!**  
This is the moment  
**Jesus is alive!**  
This is the gospel  
**Jesus is with us!**

We thought that when they crucified you, death had defeated life, and that was it.  
But this is it:  
**Love is stronger than death, and one word says it all: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

\* HYMN “He Lives” v. 1, 3 UMH#310

CHILDREN’S SERMON Helen Southall

EPISTLE READING Colossians 2:6-15, 3:1-4

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18

SERMON *In the Shadow of the Cross... We Find Victory* Pastor Jarrod

SPECIAL MUSIC “Easter Anthem” Chancel Choir  
Music from *Lyra Davidica* and by Anne Herring  
Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

HOLY COMMUNION UMH#7

Invitation  
Prayer of Confession and Pardon  
Offering  
Offertory

\*Doxology “Easter Doxology” UMH#95

*Let trumpets sound and voices sing!  
Let all on earth their praises bring!  
For Christ has conquered sin and death  
And given life eternal breath. Amen.*

\*Taking the Bread and Cup  
\*The Great Thanksgiving  
Receiving the Bread and Cup  
Prayer after Communion

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

UMH#322

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Worship Notes: "UMH" denotes the navy The United Methodist Hymnal located in each pew.  
"TFWS" denotes the black supplemental hymnal "The Faith We Sing"; "W&S" denotes the green supplemental hymnal "Worship & Song"  
CCLI License #: C-71179; CCLI Streaming License #: B-20459670; OneLicense #: A-736012; CVL: 505409193  
Call to Worship written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws. <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>  
Easter Doxology: Tune: Old Hundredth Text: John H. Danner

### Announcements

Dunbar Institute Samaritan Center Food Pantry Focus for April is spaghetti pasta. Donations are collected in the narthex at the Ministry Center.

There are children's worship kits available for any children worshipping with us. We also have a welcome gift for anyone worshipping with us for the first time. Please see an usher to receive either one if you haven't already done so.

If you'd like to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for 2026, the calendar is posted on the bulletin board by the Administrative Assistant office. Flowers will be \$30 and can be given in honor or memory if you'd like.

We're hosting a blood drive on Thursday, April 9 from 12-6pm. If you would like to donate blood go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment.

The Jubilee Project: Unbound by Grace! Our goal is to raise \$10,000 which would wipe out over \$1 million in medical debt! After a debt is paid, the debtors will receive a letter informing them that their medical debt has been paid by Dunbar UMC. Please join us in our efforts to "bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ." Scan the QR code to give or place a donation in the offering plate, earmarked "The Jubilee Project."



Our Community VBS is scheduled for July 26-29, 6-8pm and we're in need of volunteers. We need nursery workers, class leaders and helpers, and helpers for crafts, games, and kitchen. If interested, please contact Tracey Hall at [tracey.hall87@gmail.com](mailto:tracey.hall87@gmail.com).

Our worship participants next Sunday, April 12- Liturgist: Cathy Tucker; Children's Sermon: Ben Davis; Ushers: Bill Reid, Lynn Thornton, Bruce Wilson; Fellowship Time Hosts: Jeannine Riley, Libby Tolley, Cathy Tucker.

Special thanks to all those who have assisted today and leading up to today, including those listed throughout the service as well as:

Gary Wooten, Pianist and Choir Director      Missy Ramsey, Church Business Administrator

Cathy Tucker, Projector Facilitator      Tracey Hall, Live-Stream Facilitator

Communion Servers: Breana Caltrider, Ella Caltrider, Kelley Copen, Terri Ray.

Ushers: Chuck & Evie Bibbee, Lynn Thornton, Tim Whittaker

### Weekly Events

Sundays at 5:30pm - Archery (Grades 2nd-12th)

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am - Low Impact Exercise Class, Gymnasium

Wednesdays at 7pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary

### Monthly Events

Second Saturday, Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Gym

Third Thursday, Women's Fellowship, 11am, Church



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