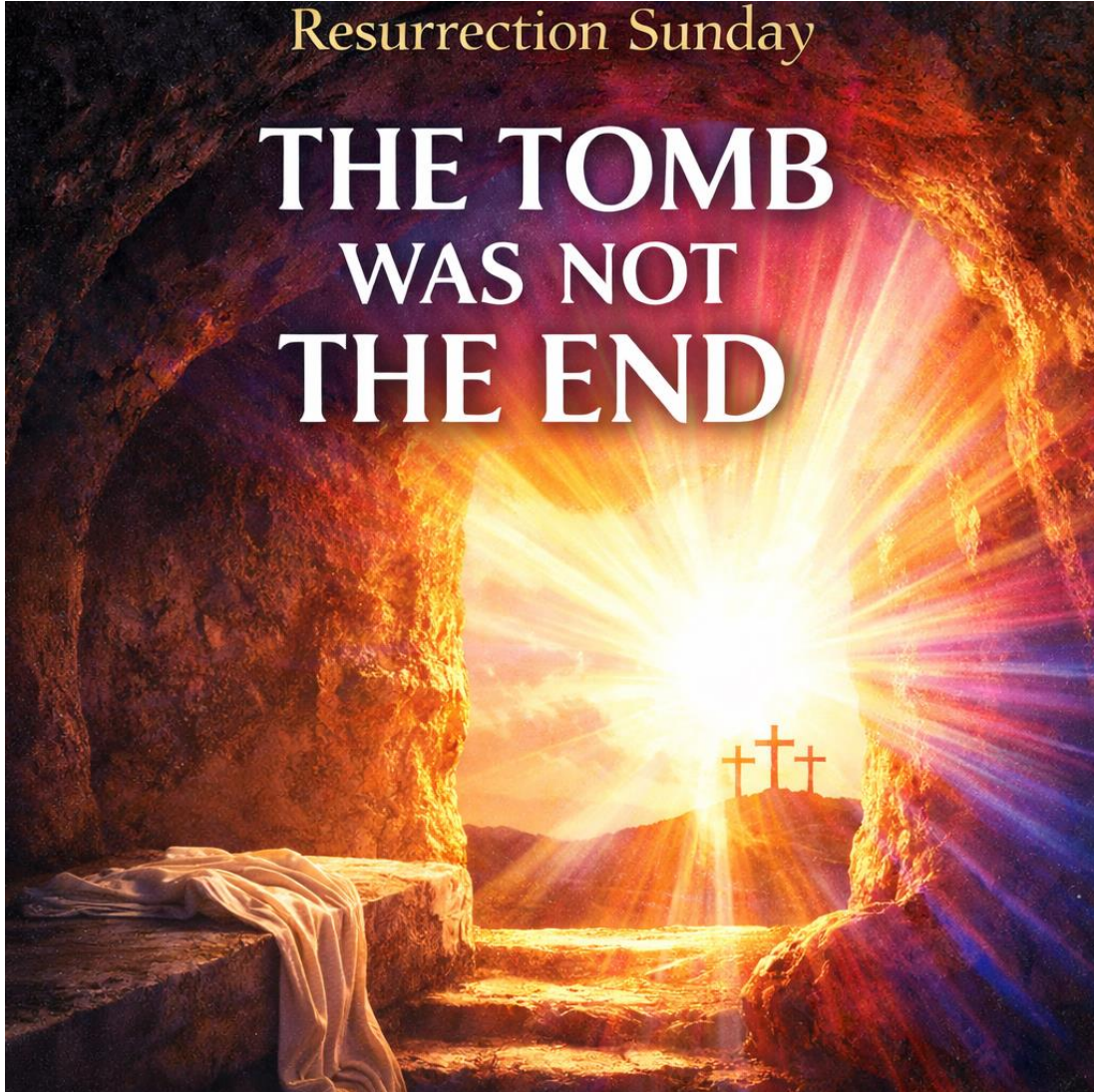




**April 5, 2026**

*Resurrection Sunday*

# THE TOMB WAS NOT THE END



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

9:30am

### WELCOME

(Please sign the attendance registry found in the pews near the center aisle; pass it through the pew and back again, noting the name of your neighbors.)

CHORAL INTROIT

*“He Is Not Here”*

Cindy Berry

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We gather on this morning with hearts full of expectation

**PEOPLE: *For the stone has been rolled away!***

LEADER: We come carrying sorrow, questions, and hope

**PEOPLE: *And we encounter the risen Christ!***

LEADER: Why do we seek the living among the dead?

**PEOPLE: *Jesus is not here—He is risen!***

LEADER: Come out of your grief, come out of your waiting

**ALL: *For the tomb was not the end! Hallelujah!***

\*HYMN

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

UMH 302

Verses 1-5

### \*UNISON PRAYER

***Risen and Glorious God, We come this morning with hearts lifted in praise, for you are worthy of all glory, honor, and praise! You are the God who brings life out of death, hope out of despair, and joy out of sorrow.***

***We praise you because the stone was rolled away. We praise you because the grave could not hold you. We praise you because your power is greater than anything we face. This is the day of resurrection, and we rejoice in the victory of Jesus Christ! Let every heart be lifted, let every voice be raised, and let every spirit awaken to your presence. Fill this place with your glory! Amen!***

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 NRSVUE

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 24:1-12 NRSVUE

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God!***

ANTHEM

*"Antiphonal Hosanna"*

G. Alan Smith

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *"Amazing Grace"*

J. Purifoy

Flute: Mickey Hopp Piano: Susan Shick

**\*Doxology**

UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication

**HYMN**

*"Victory in Jesus"*

UMH 314

SERMON

"But God...The Tomb Was  
Not The End"

Pastor Tennille

**HYMN**

*"One Bread, One Body"*

UMH 620

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

See insert

(When directed by the ushers, please come forward for the communion elements by intinction. Individual cups and gluten free cups are also available. The communion rails are always available for prayer!)

## **\*HYMN**

*“Up from the Grave He Arose”*

UMH 322

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*“Fanfare and Trumpeting”*

David Paxton

\*Please stand if you are able

## **SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT**

Pastor

Tennille Power

Lay Leader

Dan Newman

Music Director/Organist

Susan Shick

Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper

Sara Chapman

Sound/Video

Scott Holchin

Lector

Jeff Zullo

Ushers

Keith & Nathan Kopko

## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday, April 6, 2026- Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

6-7:20pm – **NO Choir practice**

7-9:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday, April 10, 2026**

9:45am – Al-Anon

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

10:00am – A.A

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

8:30-9:00am – Early Morning Service; Communion

9:30am –Worship & Live Streamed; Dan Newman preaching & Guest Violinist

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

