

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

11:00 AM

GATHERING, PRELUDE,

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP "Glory to You, O Christ" by Lisa Degrenia (c)

Glory to you, O Christ;
Triumphant over death and injustice;
Victorious over fear and shame.

Glory to you, O Christ;

New life overflows; Salvation reigns.

Glory to you, O Christ

We proclaim you risen, just as you said
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

HYMN: He Lives 310

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION by Teri McDowell Ott from Presbyterian Outlook

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life,
open us to the wisdom of your Word today
and enlighten us with your truth.
Liberate us from all that distracts & turns us from your path.
Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28: 1-10 Chris Smith

Acts 10: 34-43

SPECIAL MUSIC: Asha
accompanied by Ann

CONFESSION by Teri McDowell Ott from Presbyterian Outlook

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power.
Let us confess all that turns us toward death,
so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways,
our exclusion and judgment of others;
the way we evaluate and compare.

Forgive our death-dealing sins,
our habits that demean and degrade,
our addiction to violent and destructive behavior.

Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

{silent prayers}

ASSURANCE

FotW

God who raised Jesus from the dead
has not given us over to death.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Julie

SERMON

CHOIR: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

FotW

God has given us life
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
In gratitude, let us offer our hearts
and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

DOXOLOGY 95

PRAYER FotW

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor
and the offering of our lives
in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

HYMN: This Is My Song **437**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

16 WCUMC SPRC Meeting 7 pm

18 WCUMC- Yard Sale / Bake Sale 8 am – 2 pm

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING by Dr. Lisa Hancock, via Discipleship Ministries

In the blessing of God, who meets death with life, hatred with love,
and hopeless endings with abundant possibilities,
we go now to build a community of life, love, and flourishing
as Easter people, followers of the Risen Christ!

Amen

Bulletin Credits: Some of the Liturgy is by the pastor (dwh)
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Scriptures for Next Week -

Acts 2: 14a, 22–32 1 Peter 1: 3–9
Psalm 16 John 20: 19–31



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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

Year A – April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday

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Acts 10: 34–43
John 20: 1–18

Psalm 118: 1–2, 14–24
or Colossians 3: 1–4
or Matthew 28: 1–10

Questions for Reflection:

When Mary Magdalene first saw the resurrected Jesus, she did not recognize him, even though she knew the tomb was empty.

Have you ever experienced the presence of the risen Christ, even when you were not expecting him?

Are there times you have been in the presence of the risen Christ but have not recognized him?

How would you know?

Morning Prayers:

Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection.

As I sing “alleluia” with my voice,
let my life embody “alleluia”
as a testimony to your love
and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Lord, the days of sadness are over,
for you have risen from the dead.

As you conquered the grave,
free your servant from fear of harm or death,
that I may rest in peace this night
and in the morning rise to sing “alleluia.” Amen.

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