

**April 20, 2025**  
**The Resurrection of the Lord**  
**Easter Sunday**

**PRELUDE** "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Handel

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 24:1-12 N.T. page 68  
*Women proclaim the resurrection*

**OPENING SENTENCES** Ps. 118:24; Isa. 65:17-18

Rejoice and be glad:  
**This is the day that the Lord has made!**  
 Rejoice and be glad:  
**Christ is risen!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

+ **HYMN: GTG #232** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

... Friends, believe the good news:  
 In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

+ **HYMN: GTG #248** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Living God,  
**hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN** Lori Filka, Director of Spiritual Growth

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School*

+ **HYMN: GTG #233** "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** Mic. 6:8

**OFFERTORY** "Pendaneni (Love One Another)" Moklebust  
 Sanctuary Bells

+ **RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH  
 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 10:34-43 N.T. page 99  
*God shows no partiality*

**PSALM** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
*On this day God has acted*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 1 15:19-26 N.T. page 135  
*Christ raised from the dead*

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 20:1-18 N.T. page 88  
*Seeing the risen Christ*

**RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE**

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Mercy Tree" arr. Martin

**SERMON** "Lord Jesus Values" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ **HYMN: GTG #238** "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

+ **CHARGE**

You are witnesses to the resurrection;  
 you are messengers of the gospel.  
 Go forth to tell the good news,  
 preaching peace by Jesus Christ—  
 he is Lord of all.  
**Amen.**

+ **BLESSING** 2 Cor. 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
 be with you all now and always.  
**Alleluia!**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Crown Him!" arr. Forrest

**POSTLUDE** "Canonic Postlude on Old Hundredth" Hamilton

*You are invited to join us  
 for fellowship and refreshments  
 after worship in the Memorial Room.  
 It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

**SERVING US TODAY**

**Guest Organist:** Laura Johnson  
**Liturgist:** Lucinda Davenport  
**Greeters:** Vicki Drown and Sally Hughes  
**Next Week's Greeters:** Debi and Mike Buchman  
**Sound:** Marty Subject  
**Livestream:** Tami Chapman  
**Security:** Tim Hammond and Will Ozee



## CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

### **#27: First Missionary Journey:**

Barnabas and Saul (now called Paul) spread the Gospel and establish churches in Cyprus and Galatia (Asia Minor).  
(Acts 13:4—14:28) (c. AD 47-48)

## THE STUDY CATECHISM

### **Question 54. What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?**

Apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge and service of Christ are all inseparably related.

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

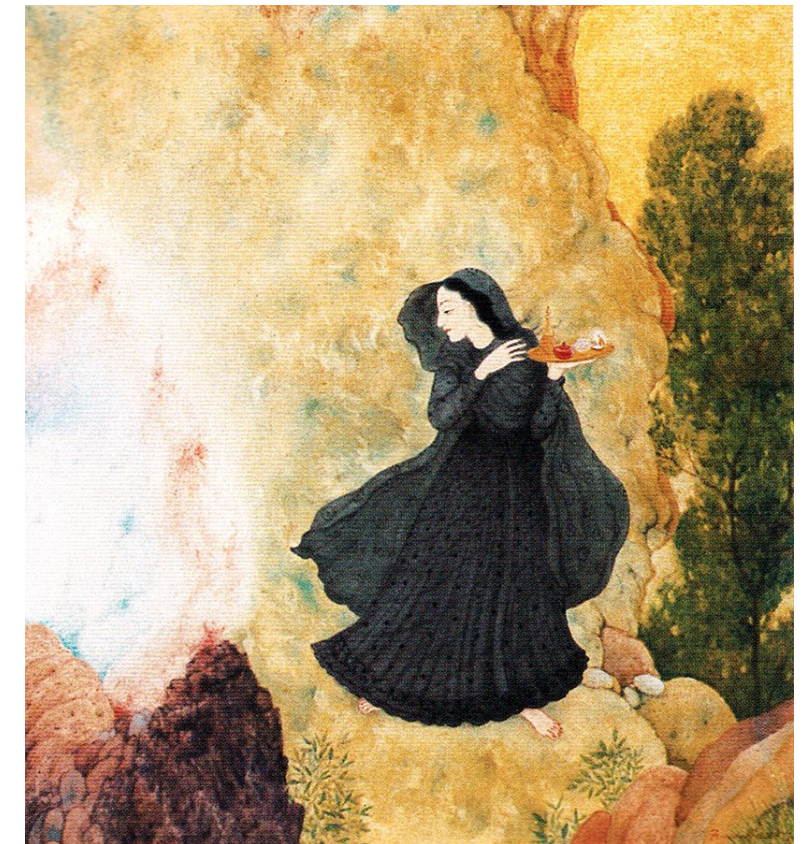
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00—6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
	Bridge Builders for Racial Reconciliation	8:15 pm

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Apr. 22: Mike Buchman      Apr. 23: Lucinda Davenport  
Apr. 22: Calvin Hammond

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*Mary at the Tomb*  
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"Because I live, you also will live."  
(John 14:19)