

April 5, 2026
Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Day

PRELUDE "In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Do not be afraid: Jesus is risen! *Matt. 28:6-7*
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

INTROIT "Classical Easter" arr. Helman
Sanctuary Bells

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-10 N.T. page 26
Proclaim the resurrection

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CALL TO CONFESSION *1 Pet. 2:24*

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 *1 Pet. 2:25*
... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

+ 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

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING *Acts 2:44-46*

OFFERTORY "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!" O FILII ET FILIAE

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

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ LITANY FOR EASTER

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:1-6 O.T. page 559
Joy at God's people restored

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 O.T. page 433
On this day God has acted

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 3:1-4 N.T. page 156
Raised with Christ

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth,
and the life. Believe in me. *John 14:1, 6*
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Easter Song" arr. Hart

SERMON "Fear and Great Joy" Rev. Bill Pinches
*So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy
and ran to tell his disciples. (Matt. 28:8)*

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

+ CHARGE *1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10;*
Go out into the world in peace; *1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17*
have courage;
hold onto what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
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.
Alleluia!

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION "Hallelujah" Handel
You are welcome to sing along!

POSTLUDE "Fugue from Organ Sonata no. 2" Mendelssohn

**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: Caitlyn Brown

Liturgist: Rick Cote

Violin: Rungi Weng and Chonghua Zuo

Viola: George Smith

Cello: Weigen Jiang

Greeters: Joann DePeel and Ginnie Gibson

Next Week's Greeters: Linda Peterson and Debbie Shellenbarger

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Tim Hammond, Will Ozee, and Mike Buchman

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#72: James, son of Alphaeus

We know very little about this James, who may be the same as "James the Less." One legend says that he preached the Gospel in Egypt, where he was crucified.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 111. What is the eighth commandment?

"You shall not steal" (Ex. 20:15; Deut. 5:19).

Question 112. What do you learn from this commandment?

God forbids all theft and robbery, including schemes, tricks or systems that unjustly take what belongs to someone else. God requires me not to be driven by greed, not to misuse or waste the gifts I have been given, and not to distrust the promise that God will supply my needs.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	No Adult Education today	
Tuesday	Administration Committee	10:00 am
	Mission Committee	3:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer Service	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	9:00 am
	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Apr. 7: Rachael Greene
April 11: Bruce Caltrider

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Christ Appearing to Mary
by Edward Middleton Manigault, 1910

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"
And they came to him, took hold of his feet,
and worshiped him. (Matthew 28:9)