

April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Communion" Gounod

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! *Luke 24:34*
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us. *John 20:19, 21*
Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.
Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, *Rev. 1:8*
the Lord who was and is and is to come.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN: GTG #245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION *Rom. 8:26*

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 *Acts 2:17, 21*
... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

+ HYMN: GTG #239 GELOBT SEI GOTT
"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

Younger children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE *Luke 13:29; 24:30-31*
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *1 Cor. 5:7-8*
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia!

...

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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... that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *1 Cor. 11:23-26*

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Partake of the bread when it comes to you,
mindful of your communion with Christ.
Hold the cup and we will all drink together,
mindful of our communion with one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living Christ, as you open the scriptures to us you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Let us now go forth from this place, fed at your table and filled by the Spirit, to walk with you all the days of our lives, and proclaim the glory of your resurrection to all the world. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING *1 John 3:17*

OFFERTORY "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" VICTORY

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

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Belhar Confession (1982)*
We believe that God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.

We believe that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind.

We believe that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 2:14a, 22-32* N.T. page 91
God fulfills the promise to David

PSALM Psalm 16 O.T. page 384
Fullness of Joy

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9 N.T. page 183
New birth to a living hope

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 N.T. page 88
Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE *1 Cor. 15:1-2*
This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Sing Joy, All Ye People" Martin

SERMON "Love Is Come Again" Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

+ HYMN: GTG #247 "Now the Green Blade Rises" NOËL NOUVELET

+ CHARGE *1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10;*
1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17
Go out into the world in peace;
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 *Ps. 118:1, 24*
May the steadfast love of the Lord be yours, this day and forever.
Alleluia!

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Strife Is O'er" VICTORY

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" Haan

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
Greeters: Linda Peterson and Debbie Shellenbarger
Communion Servers: Ron Dlouhy, Jane Hamelink,
Abel Tayong, Evelyn Tayong, Keren Tayong
Next Week's Greeters: Sally Hughes and Mary Torrey
Sound: Marty Subject + **Livestream:** Tami Chapman
Security: Mike Buchman and Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by Barb VanDyke
in memory of loved ones

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#73: *Thaddeus (a.k.a. Judas, son of James)*

Legends say the apostle Thaddeus preached in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya, and was martyred in Edessa or Beirut.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 113. What is the ninth commandment?

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Ex. 20:16; Deut. 5:20).

Question 114. What do you learn from this commandment?

God forbids me to damage the honor or reputation of my neighbor. I should not say false things against anyone for the sake of money, favor or friendship, for the sake of revenge, or for any other reason. God requires me to speak the truth, to speak well of my neighbor when I can, and to view the faults of my neighbor with tolerance when I cannot.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Safe Space Discussion	11:30 am
Tuesday	Friends! Worship and Music Committee	3:30 pm 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House Midweek Prayer Service <i>No Wonderful Wednesday (K-12) today</i> <i>No Wednesday Night Dinner today</i>	10:15 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:10 pm
Thursday	Rummage Sale Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath Rummage Sale UKirk Team Trivia Night (Okemos)	7:00 pm
Saturday	Camp Greenwood Spring Cleanup Yarners	10:00 am

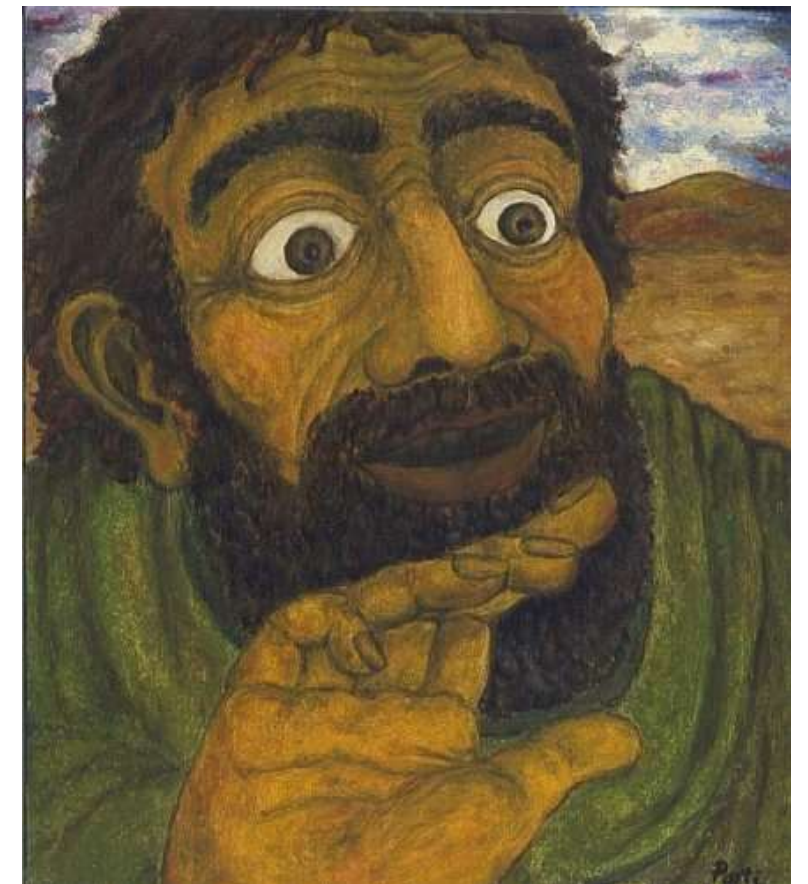
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 16: Andrew Pinches

April 18: Sally Trout

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Doubting Thomas
by Zoltan Joo, 2018

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands.
Reach out your hand and put it in my side.
Do not doubt but believe.” (John 20:27)