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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

April 5, 2026

Liturgist: Denise Mayhew

Resurrection Sunday

PRELUDE: Easter Alleluia Medley arrangement by Lanier with flute - Amanda Koenig

GREETING

LITURGY OF THE LIGHT

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb and found the stone rolled away. An angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised."

Alleluia!

As the power of God's redemption dawns over us, the renewal of all creation is assured. The salvation of all peoples is achieved. Christ transformed death into life, darkness into light, and the light can never fail for Christ is our Savior and our salvation.

Alleluia!

God, you are like a refiner's fire and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter celebration so that, burning with desire for life with you, they may find life in the Light which has no ending. Pour out your abundant blessing on the light shining from this candle, so that all who come into the light may be filled with your grace, love and blessing.

Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the people of God, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed!**

Alleluia! **Amen.**

Please stand in body or in spirit

Hymn #294

Christ Arose!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Savior, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

EASTER PRAYER

Holy One, just as they came to the tomb to honor you on that early Easter morning, we gather to praise you this day. May our alleluias resound in adoration and shared joy that you are risen and we share in the promise of new life. May we encounter your glory in this assembled community as we follow you from the empty tomb into the possibilities that await. Amen.

Hymn #295 vs. 1

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit, meet us at the tomb, roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Matthew 28:1-10

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

If able, please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn #295 vv. 2-4

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Please be seated.

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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.

OFFERTORY: Christ the Lord is Risen Today arranged by Rodriguez

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #147

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(If you are participating online, you're invited to have the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine or something similar to join us around Christ's Table.)

INVITATION

On Easter morning, the women went looking for Jesus. The angel said he was not in the tomb, so they ran, afraid yet filled with joy. They sought after him. They hurried to Galilee, looking for their risen Christ. And in their seeking, the text tells us: "Suddenly, Jesus met them" (Matt. 28:9).

**Jesus met the women in their seeking.
Jesus met them in their moment of fear and grief.**

Jesus met them when they felt lost.

Jesus met them and provided hope.

Come, you who believe and you who doubt, you who rejoice and you who mourn, you who feel alive and you who feel buried. Come, for Christ is risen and all are welcome here.

Hymn #696 Come, Share the Lord

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

How good it is on this day of joy to lift our glad songs of praise to you...

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Mary, the disciples, and all the other witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, we glorify you:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last and the living one.

I died, and behold I am alive forevermore. Alleluia!

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring communion to you.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, O God, for meeting us here at Christ’s table. Here at this table your promise is made visible. We praise you, O God, that by the death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have defeated the power of death. Raise us up, by your Spirit, to live as your resurrection people proclaiming the good news of God’s love that gifts us with new life. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #288 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

BENEDICTION

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

Postlude

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Today’s Ushers are Robin and Lance Ide

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2026 Consistory

Elders: Ron Grace, Tara Howell, Doris Lindmeier, Karen Peterson
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Jen Flexer (Treasurer)

EASTER

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Christ Arose!

1 Low in the grave he lay- Je - sus my Sav - ior, wait - ing the com - ing day -
 2 Vain - ly they watch his bed- Je - sus my Sav - ior, vain - ly they seal the dead -
 3 Death can - not keep his prey- Je - sus my Sav - ior, he tore the bars a - way -

Refrain
 Je - sus my Lord!
 Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave he a - rose, with a
 Je - sus my Lord! he a - rose,

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; he a - rose a vic - tor from the
 he a - rose!

dark do - main, and he lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a -
 rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

WORDS and MUSIC: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

CHRIST AROSE
6.5.6.5.Ref.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 295

EASTER

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured: Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love: Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once, up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Latin hymn, 14th c.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; vs. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 MUSIC: Robert Williams (1781-1821)

LLANFAIR
 7.7.7.7. Alleluias

HOLY COMMUNION

696 Come, Share the Lord

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name, his love is burn - ing in our
 2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is
 3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the glo - ry of our

hearts like liv - ing flame; for through his lov - ing Son the Fa - ther
 ris - en from the dead; the one we love the most is now our
 Lord and com - ing King; now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for

Fine
 makes us one: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
 gra - cious host: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
 which we wait: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

(1) No one is a stran - ger here, † ev - ery - one be - longs;
 (2) We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is head;

WORDS and MUSIC: Bryan Jeffery Leech (1931 -)
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DIVERNON
 Irregular

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to verses 2 and 3



find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs,
though un - seen he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.



1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

Thank you to all who helped beautify the sanctuary on this glorious Easter morning!

In Memory of

Ken R. Barndt
Pop Pop Ken R. Barndt
P-Pa Ira B. Gossard
Loved Ones who passed on
Ash Souder
Bill Repko
Gladys Barndt
Karen Toth
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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lindmeier
Michael Lindmeier
Kenneth Yothers
Charles & Edith Metzger
Russell & Dorothy Cressman
Wilmer Lewis & Lloyd Rush
Gloria Daub

In Honor of

Our Grandchildren
Our Children and Grandchildren
Our Grandchildren

To The Glory of God

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Karen Peterson

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