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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

April 12, 2026

Liturgist: Karen Peterson

Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

GREETING

*Please stand in body or in spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

Hymn #299 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:  
The fear that stifles us,**

The prejudice that impedes us,

The ignorance that hinders us,

The doubt that plagues us.

Help us, we pray, that we will

Find courage in unlikely places,

Move to those places where love is needed,

And have faith that you are with us.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: We are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! **Alleluia! Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

The word of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*If able, please rise in body or spirit.*

Hymn #302

He Lives

*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

My friends, we have no good apart from God. Therefore, let us keep God at the forefront of our minds and give generously from all that we have been given, that others may also receive from the fullness of God.

OFFERTORY

*If able, please rise in body or spirit.*

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

**Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.**

Hymn #310            Thine Is the Glory

BENEDICTION

May God bless you with open hearts to recognize the resurrected Christ in our midst and with the courage to reach out and touch the wounds of our neighbors, believing that we will have new life in Christ's name.

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for April are Doris Lindmeier and Angela Stofflet  
Today's Ushers are Jim & Amy Smith**

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**2026 Consistory**

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Deacons: Amanda Duffy (President), Cindy Grace, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Evie Starkey, Angela Stofflet (Secretary), Herb Volk (V. President)

Jen Flexer (Treasurer)

## That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright 299

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright,  
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed;  
 3 O Je - sus, strong in gen - tle - ness,  
 4 Come, ris - en Christ, with us a - bide

the sun shone out with fair - er light,  
 his wound - ed hands and feet he showed;  
 come now your - self, our hearts pos - sess,  
 in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide;

when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored,  
 those scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave  
 that we may give you all our days  
 your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield

the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord.  
 that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 from ev - ery weap - on death can wield.

WORDS: Latin hymn, 5th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
 MUSIC: Trier manuscript, 15th c.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);  
 harm. George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

PUER NOBIS  
 L.M.

## 302

## He Lives

1 I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;  
 2 In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,  
 3 Re - joyce, re - joyce, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;  
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;  
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,

and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.  
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

WORDS and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley (1887-1960), alt.  
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EASTER

*Refrain*



He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!  
he lives, he lives,  
He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.  
He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!  
he lives, he lives,  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.

EASTER

310

Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -  
vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness  
out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - quers,  
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:  
through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

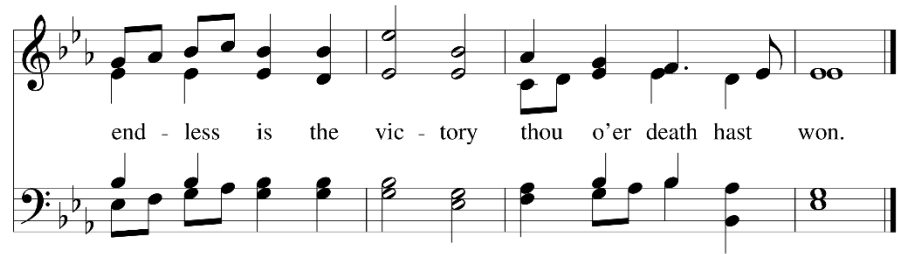
*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;  
to thy home a - bove.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry (1854-1932); tr. R. Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)  
MUSIC: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

JUDAS MACCABEUS  
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EASTER



end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.



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APRIL 19TH, 2026



**BAKE SALE**



**ITEMS NEEDED!**

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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