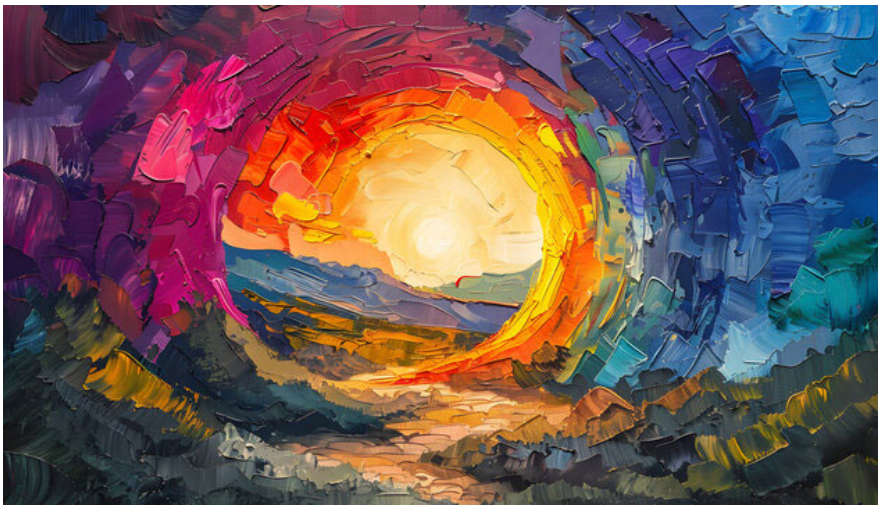


EASTER Sunday

APRIL 20, 2025
11:00 AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH — Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

INTROIT — *Agnus Dei* — Steven Phillips

(The Chancel Choir and The String Quintet)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi,	Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
miserére nobis.	have mercy on us.
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miserére nobis.	have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi,	Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
dona nobis pacem.	give us peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP — George Chorba

Early in the morning light,
the women went to Jesus' tomb.
The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,
for God's love is stronger than death itself.
Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

***HYMN 232** — *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* — EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! *(continued next page)*

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God,
you bring us good news of Easter joy.
Forgive us when we cannot hear it.
You send us out to share your love.
Forgive us when we cannot carry it.
You cast a vision for peace and justice.
Forgive us when we cannot imagine it.
Roll the stones away from our hearts.
Help us to trust in your power to make us new.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SONG OF JOY 248** (vv. 1 & 2) *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Eric Robinson

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Big Empty* Rev. Boggess

ANTHEM *Hallelujah* G.F. Handel
(The Chancel Choir and The String Quintet)

Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,
King of kings and Lord of lords,
And He shall reign forever and ever.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER George Chorba

Our Father, 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Come and See* Spiritual, arr. David Poole
(The Chancel Choir with Matt Jarvis, soloist)

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 233** *The Day of Resurrection!* LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory. *(continued next page)*

Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful;
let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Quintata on Lancashire* Steven Phillips
(The String Quintet and organ)

Musicians

Marcus Ratzenboeck, first violin *Karissa Ratzenboeck, second violin*
Paul Reynolds, viola *Isaac Mingus, cello*
Christopher Riley, double bass *Mark DeRose, percussion*

Special thanks to the members of our Chancel Choir.

The Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Beth Byron-Reasoner, **P**	Leah Cotter, **E**	Jaime Bressan, **W**
David Householder, **M**	David Landers , **P**	Victoria Guenther, **N**
Carrie Mills, **E**	Steve Largo, **B**	Janet Olshewsky, **F**
Sue Nurczyk, **F**	Lisa Saba, **W**	Seth Stottlemyer, **B**
	Shelley Watson, **O**	Denver Stutler, **O**

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor

Clerk: John A. Matta Treasurer: Reva Mitchell

B *= Business Affairs* ***E*** *= Education* ***F*** *= Fellowship & Membership* ***M*** *= Mission & Justice*
N *= Nominating* ***O*** *= Outreach* ***P*** *= Personnel* ***W*** *= Worship & Music*

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