

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – See Insert Easter Statement of Faith
BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

*HYMN #108 “Christ Is Alive!” TRURO LM

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Reprise of the Anthem”

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE “How Excellent Is Thy Name” Dick Tunney, Arr. Hayes

**Please stand if you are able.*

NORTHMINSTER PRAYER CONCERNS

Jerry H. - Had to have shots in the left foot this week.

Marissa M. - Testing may need to be done as doctors try to figure out current medical issues.

Bob L. - Recovering from all surgeries and is moving out and about.

Our Homebound: Nancy Curtis, Ann Pittman, Scott Tannehill, Jeannine Swaffield,
Micki Williams, Charlie Mossgrove, Susan Yoder

NORTHMINSTER NOTES

- Today’s Liturgist: Sue Paradis; Usher: Dennis Yoder; Counters: Dennis Yoder;
Communion servers: Sherry Jacobsen & Dennis Yoder



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Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2026
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to all as we come together to worship our Lord on this blessed Sunday morning.
Please sign the attendance register in the pew.

PRELUDE “Thou Art Worthy” Pauline M Mills, Arr. Mary McDonald

GREETING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “Easter Song” Anne Herring

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN See Insert #29 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (*Easter Version*) GO TELL IT

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – *Unison*

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.

(Silent Personal Confession Time)

Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*KYRIE #572

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI #579

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Jeremiah 31:1-6** p. 733 / LP p.897

ANTHEM "Easter Celebration" Craig Courtney

NEW TESTAMENT READING: **Matthew 28:1-10** p. 33 / LP p.41

Sermon "The Second Chances of Easter" Ken Krause

*HYMN #123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (v.1,2,4) EASTER HYMN

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

See Insert

Tune: Hymn #464

*DOXOLOGY – #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION – *Unison*

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 THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER