



**Traditional Worship Service
The Resurrection of the Lord**

Alleluia

April 5, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Toccata

Giovanni Battista Martini

Hill to Hill Brass

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Lyndel Littleton

Chancel Ringers

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Charles Evans

Hill to Hill Brass

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

The good news is dancing!

*Please stand as you are able.

The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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EASTER HYMN

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid. And we don’t know where to look. And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.” We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration: **Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Gospel: Matthew 16:21, 17:22-23, 20:17-19, 28:1-10

Al Philpotts

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Karen Kinney

“The Fear of Resurrection Joy”

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

The first evangelists go quickly with “fear and great joy.” As you consider how you will embody the good news in the world, does their example give you courage? Can you go forth with both fear and great joy at the same time?

*SERMON HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!

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LANCASHIRE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory O clap your hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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OLD HUNDRETH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Chancel Ringers

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving Christ, thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies. Thank you for the cup that quenches our thirst. Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are. Thank you for this Table that brings us together. Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits. Thank you for the promise that at this Table, and every table, you will be there. May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good, good news. With joy and hope we pray, amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

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JUDAS MACCABEUS

*EASTER JOY

Joy, joy everywhere!

Jesus is alive!

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice!

Jesus is alive!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals Sigfrid Karg-Elert/arr. Warren Wernick
Hill to Hill Brass

You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!