

The Resurrection of Our Lord

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

Theme: Love Boldly • Serve Joyfully • Lead Courageously



“God raised him on the third day, allowing him to appear to those chosen as witnesses, those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead, commanding them to teach and testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.” Acts 10:40-42

GATHERING

Prelude: “Russian Easter” Rimsky-Korsakov

Introit: “Hymn to Joy” Beethoven, arr. Hefner
Bell Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Leader: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

People: God has transformed a dead end into a new start! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Leader: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*Hymn: #246 “Christ is Alive” Bell Choir

*Prayer of the Day

O God still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace. Yet, in the world around us, we see a different reality and are tempted to be skeptical. We see things going from bad to worse. Even in our own lives we hold a past that can keep us guilty. Too often we experience the present as burdened with too little time and too much to do to make a difference. Too often we see a future before us that can make us paralyzed and afraid. Especially today remove

our lack of faith, our pessimism about tomorrow, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ we pray, as He taught us, “Our Father, who art in heaven. . .(using debts and debtors)” AMEN

Anthem: “Come, Ye Faithful” Sullivan, arr. Kinyon
Bell Choir

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: God of endings and beginnings, with your Spirit we see the whole cosmos of heaven and earth reflecting the mystery of your handiwork. The amazing gift of abundant life is all around us determined to conquer the power of darkness and death.

People: Especially this Easter Day, the sun rises on a whole new reality. We scan the breadth of an amazing story with a dramatic ending. From a young Christ Child who grew to become a carpenter and a prophet, a teacher and healer, and at last a suffering savior. We rejoice in the One who defied the very power of his own death. Yet, in his hands are the scars of the cross.

Leader: We proclaim that sin and death are vanquished by the suffering on Golgotha. Enable us to embrace the mystery and power of the One who rose from it.

People: In the glory of this Easter morning, in the light of a new dawn, lead us to affirm that day and night are forever transformed, that darkness and evil are forever conquered.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Acts 10:36-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18 Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: “Miracle Sunday—Running Together”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn: #233 “The Day of Resurrection”

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer both our presence and praise, our gratitude and gifts for the new life we have received. Whenever we bring them, let our offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently -- eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve. In all ways may our gifts announce to the world that hope is alive, love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained. Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! AMEN

Announcements

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go now in the blessing of a God who meets death with life, hatred with love, and hopeless endings with abundant possibilities.

People: We leave to build a community of life and love, flourishing as Easter people, as followers of the Risen Christ! AMEN

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude: Festive Postlude on 'Llanfair' Mary McDonald
Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
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