

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** **EASTER SUNDAY** **APRIL 5, 2026**

Prelude ..... “Alleluia Medley” ..... *Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist*

Welcome ..... *Rev. Scott Nowack*

*Please sign and pass the black pew pad.*

Gathering ..... “Easter Carol” ..... *Junior & Senior Choir*

\*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.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn of Praise ..... “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”  
*Hymn #245*

Call to Confession ..... *Kathi Kinney*

Prayer of Confession

**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. 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.**

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response of Praise ..... “Praise to God the Father”  
*Hymn #605*

\*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Children’s Focus ..... *Rev. Scott Nowack*

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Anthem . . . . . "A Festive Introit for Easter" . . . . . *Junior & Senior Choir*  
*Anthony Black, Trumpet*

Scriptures . . . . . *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*  
*John 20:1-18*

Sermon . . . . . "Jesus: God's ReLENTless Love" . . . . . *Rev. Scott Nowack*

Prayer for Illumination

\*Affirmation of Faith . . . . . "Apostle's Creed" . . . . . *On Screen*

Service Prayer . . . . . *Candy Brown*

Pastoral Prayer (with 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.**

Announcements

\*Doxology . . . . . "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
*Hymn #608*

\*Offertory Prayer

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let all lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our Living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn . . . . . "Christ Arose" word on screen

\*Benediction . . . . . "Easter Carol" . . . . . *Junior & Senior Choir*

Postlude . . . . . "Lift High the Cross " . . . . . *Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist*

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Pam Archer, Sarah Bolden, Noah Cassion, Greg Clark, Lori Disbennett, Tom Hurd, Rev. Donald Leckrone, Karl Leckrone, Gary and Elsa Thompson.

**HOME BOUND:** Larry & Helen Fox, Wilma Miller, and Beverly Shearer, Paul & Carolyn Wiehe.

**IN A CARE FACILITY:** Thelma Carlson & Evelyn Rutherford at Heritage; Vivian Lowe at Bluebird.