



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

He is Risen! ***“He is Risen, Indeed!”***

PRELUDE: *“An Easter Fanfare”* - Davidica arr. Giomo

Guest Musicians: Ella Melito, Trumpet Edwin DeLeon, Trumpet

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen indeed!***

Death is defeated! Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen indeed!***

Hope is here! Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen indeed!***

* **OPENING HYMN:** ***“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*** (see insert)

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. ***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

* **GLORIA PATRI:** Traditional

Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* **THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

~ **HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD** ~

ANTHEM: "*Crown Him, the Risen King!*" - Larson

Guest Musicians:

Lilly Walton, Flute

Ella Melito, Trumpet

Edwin DeLeon, Trumpet

Victoria Joseph, Violin

CHILDRENS TIME: Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:1-6

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON: “Resurrection Transformation”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: “The Apostles Creed”

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead . I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Up From the Grave He Arose” - arr. Ritter

*** DOXOLOGY: Traditional**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

* CLOSING HYMN: *“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”* #248

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *“The Day of Resurrection”* #233 verse 3

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

* POSTLUDE: *“The Strife is O’er”* - arr. Simone

