



Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026



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Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

All' Offertorio
Domenico Zipoli
Wayne Leupold Editions Inc, 1995

WELCOME

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

The Spirit of the Lord
Composed by Charles Callahan
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Wisdom 1:7

The spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Rick Bowles

Come! Something has happened!

We don't understand, but we will come and see.

Look! He is not here!

We don't understand, but we will come and see.

Listen! Someone calls our name...

There is no need to weep. It is Christ, our teacher!

Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*HYMN No. 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

CALL TO CONFESSION

Erin Tolar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsive*)

Gracious God,

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 the unknown.**

Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence.
Call us by name, God, so 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 overwhelmed by the power of evil,
reveal again your triumph over those powers.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to you.
Alleluia! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

On that first day, and the next, and every day until now and beyond,
God calls us by name and, with grace, plants new life into our hearts.
Friends, believe the good news, and declare it for all to hear.
Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn Hymn 248 - v1
sung through one time*

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON
John 20:1-18

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

To the Lamb on the Throne

*Dan Forrest
Beckenhorst Press, 2015*

*Worthy the Lamb, Ye servants of God,
Your master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name,
the name all victorious of Jesus extol.
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son,
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
falls down on their faces and worship the Lamb.*

*God rules in the height, almighty to save,
though hid from our sight, God’s presence we have,
the great congregation God’s triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

*Then let us adore and give Him His right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.
Worthy is the Lamb!*

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**God of new life,
You plant the seeds of grace, peace, love, and justice into
our hearts. In turn we have gathered our gifts of time,
talent, and treasure so that we can offer new hope and
healing to those around us. May all that we have and all
that we are be used to proclaim your goodness.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup,
regardless of age or understanding. (PC-USA Book of Order W-3.0409)*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of yesterday, tomorrow, and right now...

...In the unity of the Holy Trinity, in gratitude for this great day
of resurrection, we lift our hearts and voices praying together:

Our Mother and Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Slane

*an Irish Folktune arr. Charles Callahan
Birnarnwood Publications ASCAP, 2006*

All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles.

*For those who prefer, communion will be served directly to your seat.
The elements consist of grape juice and gluten-free bread.*

COMMUNION PRAYER (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks
that by the witness of your word
and the sharing of this meal
you have opened our hearts and eyes
to the presence of Christ among us.
May we feel emboldened,
with Mary, and by the power of your Spirit,
to tell this good news to the world:
The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION (*responsive*)

In the dark before dawn,
we believe that God is alive.
In the midst of our grief,
we believe the Spirit is at work.
In the chaos of our broken world,
we believe that love is on the loose.

No stone could keep God at bay,
and no grief could keep God's love from us.
So today we sing, Alleluia!
Christ has risen.
Christ has risen indeed!

*HALLELUJAH CHORUS

*The congregation is invited to join in singing.
Copies of the score may be found at the end of the pews.*

Go with God.

Alleluia! And Amen!

POSTLUDE

Prelude

by David Schack

Wayne Leupold Editions Inc, 1995

*Many thanks to Griffin Campbell and Tom Shelton
who helped to live-stream the service today.*



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