



"This is the day the Lord
has made, let us rejoice
and be glad in it"

Psalm 118:24

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April 5, 2026

~ Easter Sunday/Communion Sunday ~

10am Worship

We Celebrate the Good News

The Gathering of God's People

Time to speak with each other

Greeting

"He is Risen..."

He is Risen Indeed."



*Please fill out and pass the Friendship Books.
Visitors, please fill in your address as well. Thank You!*



Prelude

"Prayer"

by Eugene Butler

Campanola Ringers



The Call to Worship

Liz Miedowski / Congregation

L: Early on the first day, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb to see Jesus' body.

P: On this day, we have come to this church, looking for Jesus.

L: Mary was startled to find the tomb empty.

P: Like Mary, we may wonder: "What is happening?" "Where is God?"

L: As Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, Jesus called her name.

All: So, God calls our names, to come and celebrate the risen Christ in our midst.



Gathering Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #234

(Campanola Ringers and Ziggy Train on flute will play with the Congregation)

The Welcoming Prayer/God's Greeting

Rev. Jack Branford

Easter Litany

Liz Miedowski / Congregation

L: Early in the morning, before daylight, the women took spices to the tomb.

P: Their faces were wet with tears, because they felt so much love for Jesus.

L: He had given them a new faith and understanding in the way of God.

P: But they killed him for speaking the truth.

L: When they arrived at the tomb, they found it empty.

P: They were puzzled and did not know what to think.

L: An angel appeared and said, "Do not be afraid. Jesus is alive. Go and tell his disciples."

P: The women felt their fear evaporate and courage take its place.

L: They felt their hearts move in them and knew that their connection with Jesus was unbroken.

P: All that they experienced with God's love was not changed. God's spirit in them was just as strong as when Jesus was with them.

All: And so, it is with us. Let us live with confidence, knowing that God's love is strong in us as we walk in the way of Jesus, and bring joy and hope to a pain filled world. Amen.

Anthem

"Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!"

Words by David Bailes, Arranged by Larry Shackley

Chancel Choir

Gabriella Fryer, Accompanist



We Proclaim the Good News

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 28: 1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Sermon Hymn: “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” #678

The Message

“You Are Risen”

Rev. Jack Branford



We Respond to the Good News

(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack and deposit in offering plate.)

The Offering

Anthem

"Praise"

by Mary G. McCleary

Campanola Ringers and Ziggy Train on flute



The Doxology: “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Offertory Prayer

God of resurrection, you have given us so much. Bless these offerings to do your will in the world. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.



The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

All who have been baptized, and who believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, are welcome to this table, regardless of church membership or affiliation.

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 at 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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

L: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

P: They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

L: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

P: Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

L: This is the Lord's table.

P: Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you that in your love, you created for us a wonderful world. You made it a place of peace for the whole of your creation; you filled it with everything your people need. You made us in your image, to follow your way, and to live in right relationship with you and with each other. And from the beginning, you saved us! Even when we gave up on your way of peace and justice, yours is a love that never gave up on us. And so, you sent your greatest gift, the gift of your only Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Blessing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.



~~~ Easter Plant Dedication Prayer ~~~

(Please see the full list of dedications in the announcements and posted in the gathering area.)

Prayers of 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.



Sending Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" #229 (Vs. 1,2,3,5)



Benediction

Postlude

Communion Servers: David Grammerstorf, Jerry Cerry, Donna Freck, Janet Bass
See the information table for a list of our current Consistory Members and Committees.