

**April 5, 2026
9:00am and 10:30am**

**EASTER SUNDAY
WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, The Center for Living and Learning

WE OFFER OUR PRAISE TO GOD

OPENING SONGS

"Agnus Dei"

Michael W. Smith

Celebration Singers and Worship Band; Stephanie Marshall, violin

Composer: Michael W. Smith. © 1990 Sony/ATV Milene Music. CCLI #11460403.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Choir and Congregation

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Text: Reginald Heber (public domain).

* "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (*st. 1, 2, 4*)
Congregation and Worship Band

302 (Red)

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!**

**Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Text: Charles Wesley (public domain).

*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God,
through Jesus Christ you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.**

**Grant that we
who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection,
may, by the renewing of your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin to the life of resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE

**"Risen Indeed"
*Celebration Singers***

Johnson

Composer: Victor C. Johnson.
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GOD OFFERS THE WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

Donna Hudson (9:00)
Matthew Hassell (10:30)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Meredith King (9:00)
Samantha Hassell (10:30)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE OFFER OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

RESPONSE "Was It a Morning Like This?" Croegaert
Worship Band

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Mark Price

INVITATION

CONFESSION 8 (Red)

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING Dr. Johnathan Vest

DOXOLOGY 94 (Red)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna
in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy
Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the
highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

11 (Red)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*CLOSING SONG

"Hallelujah Chorus"

Handel

Please sing with the choir as you feel led

**Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
and of his Christ,
and he shall reign for ever and ever.
Hallelujah!**

*CLOSING MUSIC

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*Today's Communion Rail benefits our April Outreach Ministry Partner,
The Center for Living and Learning. Thank you for your support.*

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Rosa Garcia
Omar & Claudia Seville
Dee Slack

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Suzanne Brandon
Harry Jay Breitinger
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Joy Cobb
Doug Davis
Micah Davis
Jim Durham and family following
the death of his mother, Anna
Nancy Edmunds
Sally Faith
Scott Farmer
Margaret Fortney
Amanda Garner
Edith Ann Gibb
Carolyn Hatchett
Tommy Hatchett
Kathy Holtz
Bishop Hutson
Donnie King
Family and friends of Jerry Kirk
following his death
Dina Lavey
Lesley Maginas

Family and friends of Kevin
McFarland following his death
Rees Mitchell
Family and friends of Sue Mueller
following her death
Ed Mueller
Judson Randolph
Pat Ring
Room in the Inn
Aaron Seay
Wilma Spivey
Lynda Szeglin
Brad Thomas
Ella Thomas
Carole Vietti
Mac Warner
Family and friends of Kurt Westgard
following his death
Wally Whidby
Alison White
John Wigant
Jeff Williams
Karen Yarbrough
Kevin Younger