

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Friends, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus has conquered the grave.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Let the earth resound with joy.

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

Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today #215 Red

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Holy God, we confess that we do not always live 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.

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 powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your grace.

Promise of Forgiveness

Scripture John 20:1-18

Sermon

Hymn Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Celebration of Communion

Sharing the Bread and Cup
Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, thank you for showing us again that we are invited to live and work in your kingdom as honored guests. May our faith grow to bear the full measure of your grace, bringing a lightness to our work and a wonder to our lives. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Generosity
Offering Song

**All praise to the Father
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, the Chosen One,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy Love, receive these gifts given in thanksgiving for your generosity. Help us to nourish these offerings to meet the needs of our community and to witness to your goodness in the world. We dedicate them to the flourishing of your kingdom. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn I Danced in the Morning

Blessing

Keep in Prayer

Linda Dimon, Pastor Wayne, Lewis Poths,
Rollie Homan, Jane Sanders & Bob Sanders
(sister & brother of Jean King),
Our Shut-ins: Eloise, Allen, Carol, Linda

Offering: May be left in the basket in the back.
Thank you for supporting OUR CHURCH!

Announcements

Worship Sponsor: Betty Rhoad, Happy Easter!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored our Easter flowers this morning. Please take your flower home with you after worship.

Easter Breakfast after worship. Everyone is invited to join us. After breakfast, there will be an egg hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny for both the young and young at heart.

LGBTQ+ Ally Support Group, Tuesday, 6:30pm

Coffee & Fellowship, Thursday, 8:30pm
at Lyn Marie's coffee shop

S.S. & Confirmation next Sunday after worship

Council Meeting, April 13, 7pm

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**April 5, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY**