

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude
"Easter Medley" Carol Stewart
arr. by Dave Webber

**Call to Worship
Beloved, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Our Savior is risen!
Our Savior is risen! Alleluia!
Steadfast Love is risen!
Steadfast Love is risen! Alleluia!
This is the day that God has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

**Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (v.1-4) UMH #302

Opening Prayer (unison)
God of life and love, we are eager to hear the good news of new life. Enter our lives and cast our fears aside. Lead us on a journey from grief and despair to hope and joy. We are ready to celebrate and give thanks for your transforming love. We are eager to rejoice in the glory of this day! Give us Easter spirits and open hearts. Amen.

**Gospel Reading - John 20:1-18 Youth Dramatic Reading

Ministry of Music
"Brother James' Air" Chancel Choir
arr. by Gordon Jacob

Children's Moments

Special Music
"Easter Song" Victor Hess
Annie Herring

Offering/Offertory Pam Colbrunn and Carol Stewart, piano-organ duet
"Christ Arose" Robert Lowry/Babcock and Voss

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this time of spiritual renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.

Ministry of Music
"All Glory, Laud and Honor" Chancel Choir
Lloyd Larson

Easter Meditation "Jesus: The Risen Lord!" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Special Music
"The Holy City" Melody Kelley
Stephen Adams

The Sacrament of Holy Communion with The Lord's Prayer
Pam Colbrunn and Glen Shaw, vocal duet
"Come to the Banquet" Joseph M. Martin

**Closing Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v.1,2,4) UMH #327

**Sending Forth

Postlude
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Carol Stewart
arr. by Bill Wolaver



*If you ordered Easter Flowers,
you may pick them up after the service today.*

Gospel Reading – John 20:1-18 (NIV)

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. **2** So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4** Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, **7** as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. **8** Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **9** (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) **10** Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." **14** At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

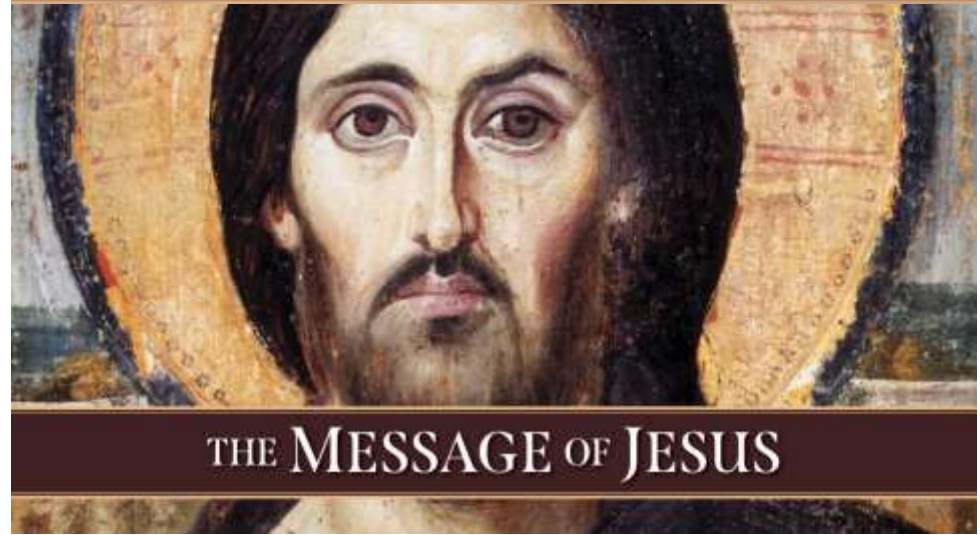
16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Jesus: The Risen Lord!



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Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers

Chad Mossing, Will Mossing,
Gerald Mahan, Jim Osburn

Greeters

Doug Wickline, Julie Wickline

Liturgist

Chad Mossing

Organist

Carol Stewart

Chancel Choir Director

Melody Kelley

Handbell Choir Director

Jim McPeck



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HAVE YOU TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH TODAY?: Life Line Screening will be here on **Monday, May 5, 9:00am-4:00pm** offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today, Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 and use promo code HSCA001, Online: <https://llsa.social/HC> or Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607.



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