

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP*

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All of creation shouts the power of life over death!

For Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us rejoice, let us sing, let us worship our Risen Savior.

We open our hearts to receive fully the joy given to us!

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Lift Me Up; Because He Lives; Praise The Lord Forever;
Agnus Dei/King of Kings

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, AJ Allen, Amy Golden, Angelena Stephens,
Kaitlin Guenther, JR Brumley, Neal Sterrett, Sally Osborn*

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade are dismissed to go upstairs for Sunday School.

Parents, please pick up your child in room 207 upstairs following worship

Youth Sunday School meets downstairs in the youth room.)

EPISTLE LESSON I CORINTHIANS 15:1-8, 12-23

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC Beautiful Day; The Empty Tomb

GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 20:1-18

MESSAGE **The Kiss of Easter** Rev. John Bowling

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Because He Lives; Revelation 19:1

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.

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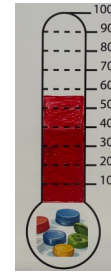


Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters**,

Mark Browe & Karen Beymer.

Your service is greatly appreciated!

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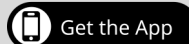
We have **now collected over 56 pounds** of plastic caps and lids! This puts us **over halfway to our goal!** Please continue to bring your donations of clean, plastic caps and lids (such as bottle caps, jar lids, cottage cheese/cool whip/yogurt container size lids, and prescription medicine bottle caps). A bin is located in the Gathering Area for your donations. Thank you, Creation Care Team



The Creation Care team is looking for volunteers to help plan a celebration of God's creation, the Earth.

This will take place on **Earth Day, April 22nd** at our Wednesday night dinner. Please contact Karen Perce at khp795@gmail.com if you are interested.

The easiest way to stay connected and in the loop is to **download the HUMC app** and turn on notifications. In the app, you can listen to the sermons, set up online giving, register for events and so much more! Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to download the HUMC app!



PRELUDE Christ Lag in Todesbanden JS Bach & Wilbur Held

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OPENING HYMN* This Joyful Eastertide

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who brings life out of death, who meets the world’s sorrow with unending mercy and touches creation with God’s kiss of renewal.

We believe that on the third day, Christ rose from the grave—not by human strength, but by the tender, unstoppable love of God.

We believe the resurrection is God’s promise that nothing—neither grief nor failure nor fear—can silence the song of hope.

We believe the risen Christ walks with us still, opening our eyes, warming our hearts, and breathing courage into our weary places.

We believe the Holy Spirit moves among us, stirring resurrection in hidden corners, awakening joy where despair once lived, and offering the world God’s gift of new beginnings.

This is our Easter faith: Christ is risen, love has triumphed, and God’s kiss of life is forever upon us.

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MORNING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY Easter Sequence Wilbur Held

DOXOLOGY*

HYMN #322* Up From the Grave He Arose

SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 20:1-18

CHORAL ANTHEM

Resurrection Hymn

arr. Steven Strite

MESSAGE

The Kiss of Easter

Rev. John Bowling

HYMN #310*

He Lives

HALLELUJAH CHORUS*

George Frideric Handel

(All who would like to join with the choir to sing the Hallelujah Chorus are invited to come forward. Musical scores are available.)

POSTLUDE

O Filii et Filiae

Healy Willan

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Highland United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 5, 2026 11:00 am

Easter



AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2026

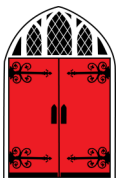
General Fund YTD Income: \$69,121

General Fund YTD Expense: \$95,351

YTD Net Shortfall: (\$26,230)

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Gary S—health concerns
- S. Emery—cancer
- Susan G—cancer treatment
- Dave S.—Cancer
- Mary Frances—Continued healing from broken femur
- Friends & Family having health problems



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Easter
Christ is Risen!

Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.

This Joyful Eastertide

Opening Hymn

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sadness!
Our Lord, the crucified, has filled our hearts with gladness.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith would be in vain.
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,
But now has Christ arisen!

My being shall rejoice secure within God's keeping,
Until the trumpet voice shall wake us from our sleeping.
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Resurrection Hymn

(See What a Morning)

Choral Anthem

See what a morning gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.

Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, Fulfilled in Christ,
the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to Life again.
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,
stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound 'til He appears, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the
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