



# First Presbyterian Church of Littleton



*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,  
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone  
had been removed from the tomb.*

John 20:1

**Easter Sunday 8:00 and 10:00am  
Communion Sunday April 5, 2026**

*All of God's children are welcome, including their wiggles and giggles!  
Please be seated, silence all devices, and quiet yourself for worship.*

◆ **PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

PRELUDE *Crown Him Lord of All* Mary Dailey

SOLO *Holy, Holy, Holy* Justin P, trumpet

~~~ **GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE** ~~~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Murray

*Christ is risen!* **Christ is risen indeed!**  
*The Lord be with you* **and also with you!**

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*The Peace of Christ be with you!* **And also with you!**

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

*Early in the morning, while it was still dark,  
Mary came to the tomb.*

**The stone that sealed death had been rolled away.  
It did not have the final word.**

*Stones of fear, grief, and injustice surround us still.*

**Yet God is always rolling stones away.**

*Come, let us worship the God of resurrection.*

**We come seeking new life.**

*On this holy day, we celebrate our New Life through the Risen Christ;*

**The weight of our sin has been lifted from us;**

*Through Jesus' glorious resurrection,*

*we have become sons and daughters of God.*

**Let us rejoice: Alleluia, alleluia, Come, let us praise the living God!**

◆ HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Congregation

**Children are invited forward during the last verse**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

~~~ LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD ~~~

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 4:1-7 (NRSVUE)

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*we begin in silent confession and then pray together*)

**Holy God, we confess that stones weigh heavily on our hearts. We place stones in front of the tombs of possibility — stones of cynicism that say nothing will change, stones of fear that keep us silent, stones of comfort that keep us from risking love. We confess that we sometimes build walls where you are rolling stones away.**

**Forgive us when we accept death-dealing systems instead of seeking resurrection life. Forgive us when we walk past the suffering of our neighbors and call it normal. Roll away the stones we have placed ourselves. Free us to recognize Christ among the living and to follow where resurrection leads. Amen.**

HYMN 551

*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

Congregation

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

*...Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel: you are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and walk forward on this journey of faith.*

**Thanks be to God.**

◆ HYMN 581

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER*

Congregation

◆ GOSPEL READING John 20:1-2, 11-18 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **God is still speaking.**

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

MESSAGE

*Stones*

Sermon Series: *Lent in Plain Sight*

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HYMN 246

*Christ Is Alive*

Congregation

~~~ **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD** ~~~

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Chancel Choir

◆ HYMN

Doxology (Words for Easter)

**Praise God for death is overcome;  
Praise God, for resurrection grace,  
The grave is lost, new life begun,  
Praise God in Christ, our Risen One. Amen.**

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Murray

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope. We believe in God, who is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility.**

**We believe in the Risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who calls us by name to enter the dance of life. We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tomb-like safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully.**

**We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who practice kindness, encourage beauty, and work for justice and freedom. We believe we are an Easter people, a sign that with God all things are possible. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you!*

**And also with you!**

*Lift up your hearts*

**We lift them up to God!**

*Let us give God praise*

**It is right to give God thanks and praise**

... Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*If you embrace the hope through God for the world, then you, too, are welcome to receive God's gifts. It is Christ who invites us to come, by grace through faith, and the one who invites us will in no way cast anyone out.*

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GOD (*ALL BREAD IS GLUTEN FREE*)

*As you pass the plate to your neighbor, please offer them "the bread of life" or "the body of Christ" and "the cup of salvation" or "the blood Christ". Our response is always "thanks be to God".*

GIVING GOD THANKS FOR GOD'S GIFTS

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg 35)

Pastor Winslow  
Congregation

◆ HYMN 238

*Thine is the Glory*

~~~ *CARRYING GOD'S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD'S WORLD* ~~~

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah Chorus* from 'Messiah'  
*Music is available and we invite you to join in*

Mary Dailey

**Today's Service**

Music

Mary Dailey  
Chancel Choir  
Justin P

Trumpet Soloist

Liturgist

Taylor A M/Bill F

Trustee

Jeff C/Beth O

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*Children's Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Worship  
on the front lawn.*



*Happy Easter*  
HE IS RISEN

# LITTLETON HANDBELL FESTIVAL!!



**Come one, come all, to the  
Littleton Handbell Festival!**

**Who:** First Pres. Memorial & TNT Handbell Choirs  
and several other local church bell choirs

**What:** A FREE concert (and an opportunity for community fellowship!)

**Where:** Littleton United Methodist Church  
5894 S. Datura St. Littleton 80120 (corner of Datura & Shepperd St.)

**When:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 3:00 p.m.

The Memorial Handbell Choir & Tintinnabulation Ringers will be joining several other Littleton churches for an all-day rehearsal and fellowship experience and perform our pieces in a massed concert with Guest Conductor Jeffrey Harms in the afternoon.

If you haven't had the opportunity to hear an ensemble of bells ringing together, it is truly an event you will never forget, and it is **SO CLOSE TO HOME** - *only 4 blocks from church!!*

Please join us and support the ringers  
(and bring friends and family along)!

SEE  
YOU  
THERE

Contact Karen with any questions at  
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**WE HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF  
FAMILIAR FACES THERE!**



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### *Worship Plans*

#### Sermon Series for the Season of Easter: *New Life*

|                                 |                         |                  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| April 12: <i>New Community</i>  | <b>Matthew 18:21-35</b> |                  |
| April 19: <i>New Priorities</i> | <b>Matthew 6:25-34</b>  | Bells            |
| April 26: <i>New Eyes</i>       | <b>Matthew 5:1-12</b>   | Women's Ensemble |
| May 3: <i>New Identity</i>      | <b>Matthew 5:13-16</b>  | Bells            |
| May 10: <i>New Courage</i>      | <b>Matthew 16:21-28</b> | Men's Ensemble   |
| May 17: <i>New Calling</i>      | <b>Matthew 28:16-20</b> | Chancel Choir    |

### Following Worship

Town Hall Meeting, Sunday, April 26th

Next Bible Study- May 3<sup>rd</sup>



#### *Easter Lilies*

*The Lilies have been donated by the Deacons.*

*Please feel free to take one home after 10am Service*

### Our Mission:

**We welcome all to love, share, serve, and grow in Christ.**



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