

A Service of Song, Word, & Table
April 5, 2026

* Please rise in body or spirit.

PRESERVICE MUSIC BY QBRASS (Bill Kent and Dave Ampleford – Trumpets, Sabrina Carrillo - French Horn, Jed Rowley – Trombone, Mark Weaver – Tuba)

Were You There (American Folk Hymn/Arr. Jack Gale)
Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise (Robert Williams /Arr. Todd Marchand)
Fairest Lord Jesus, Beautiful Savior (Silesian Folk Song /Arr. Todd Marchand)
Easter Rejoicing (Messiter/Darwall/Handel/Arr. Todd Marchand)
It Is Well With My Soul (Philip Bliss /Arr. Todd Marchand)

WELCOME

PRELUDE Sunrise Alleluia Karen Marrolli Chancel Choir & Q Brass

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day
hope tiptoes us awake;
light guides us through the shadows.
This is the day the Lord
plants joy in our winter hearts;
drowns out despair's cries with laughter.
This is the day the Lord has made
the day grace does cartwheels in graveyards;
resurrection wonder outshines the brightest sun;
an empty tomb fills us with good news.

Call to Reconciliation

We are Easter people, yet we also know how often we live in the shadows, afraid to follow the light. We wander in the gardens of the world, looking for you, never noticing you at our side. Let us confess how we have failed to be God's people, as we pray together, saying,

We come on this day, Dispeller of fears, walking through the shadows of our lives. Too often, we believe our foolishness is hidden from you; too often, we stand before the open door of hope, wondering if we dare enter. Uncertain of the good news offered to us, we would rather return to the comfort of our familiar ways rather than trusting in you.

**Yet you come, as persistent as Mary at the tomb,
Joy of our hearts,
to open the gates of hope,
so we might walk in the gardens of hope;**

**you come, to open the gates of grace,
so we might plant peace in the wilderness of the world;
you come, to open the gates of resurrection,
so we might know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Silence is kept

This is the day of resurrection and new life. This is the day God offers us steadfast hope and love which will never end.

We will sing and dance on this day! We will rejoice and give thanks to the God who saves us. Amen.

HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today UMH 302

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Glory, Hallelujah! Mark Burrows Chancel Choir

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE Up from the Grave He Arose UMH 322

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us confess before God our tendency,
like the Jerusalem crowds,
to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm
and deny our faith in moments of stress.

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN Halle, Halle Hallelujah TFWS 2026

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Prayer of Dedication/Offering

As we offer our gifts on this joyous morning, may the bring light to those in the shadows, laughter to all who mourn, and hope to those longing for life anew. In Jesus 'name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY The Day of Resurrection arr. Lloyd Larson Q Brass/Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* *UMH 94*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*** SENDING HYMN**

BENEDICTION

Sending

Let us go with God into the world.

We will offer healing and hope to all who wander in the shadows of life.

Let us go with Jesus to serve others.

We will listen to the ignored; we will speak out for the forgotten.

Let us go with the Spirit to share steadfast love.

We will hold on to the fallen; we will rebuild shattered communities.

MUSICAL BENEDIDCTION Hallelujah Chorus G.F. Handel Chancel Choir & Q Brass

POSTLUDE This Joyful Eastertide arr. Sondra K. Tucker Q Brass/Dr. Daniel Cummings, organ