

The background of the entire poster is a photograph of three wooden crosses standing on a grassy hill. The scene is captured during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden-orange glow filling the sky and the foreground. The crosses are made of dark wood and are positioned at different heights and angles. The hill is covered in dry grass and some small red flowers. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow, with some clouds visible near the horizon.

EASTER *Sunday*

APRIL 20, 2025

10:00 A.M. Combined Worship Service
Central UMC Sanctuary

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✝ *Please rise in body or spirit* | Congregational responses are in **bold**.

As the Prelude begins, please be seated and let there be silence in the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE *Easter Bell Carol: Christ ist erstanden* arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, indeed!

✝ CALL TO WORSHIP

✝ **CHORAL RESPONSE** *My Lord, What a Morning!* UMH 719

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* UMH 302

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER HYMN *Agnus Dei* Michael W. Smith

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* arr. Stan Pethel

✝ **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

I Know That My Redeemer Lives: Shout On

arr. E.R. Larter

✝ HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-7

SERMON

“Have You Received any Good News Lately?”

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

UMH 90

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Douglas E. Wagner

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Bill White, Jr. | *Senior Pastor*

Rev. J.D. Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Dr. Valarie Alexandra Valois | *Director of Music Ministries*

Central Chancel Choir

Central Ringers

Angela Renee Simpson, *Soprano*

Gay Tatman, *Flute*

Chad Harris, *Violin*

Ed Mills, *Trumpet*

Ushers: David & Kalli Clements and James & Trevor Clements



Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a *Connect Card* located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries and lets us know you joined us for worship. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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