

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection & The Life - 8:45 AM

First UMC Green Bay | April 5, 2026

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(* Please stand as able

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

PRELUDE

Chorale No. 1 in E Major

César Franck

INTROIT (Sanctuary and Bell Choirs)

Introit for Easter

Joel Raney

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

THE CREATION

With a word God creates order out of the primeval, watery chaos.
God's good creation reaches its pinnacle in humankind,
the bearer of God's image.

Genesis 1:1 –2:4a

Silent Reflection

*HYMN: #145

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

PRAYER (read in unison): Almighty God, you wonderfully created, yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. Grant that we may share the divine life of the One who shared our humanity, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND THE EARTH

God causes the earth, overcome by sin, to be drowned in a watery deluge. Yet in Noah and his family, God saves a remnant and binds all together in a covenant with the sign of a rainbow.

Genesis 7:1 –5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Silent Reflection

HYMN: #606

Come Let Us Use This Grace Divine

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER (read in unison): Almighty God of heaven and earth, you set in the clouds a rainbow to be a sign of your covenant with every living creature. Grant that we may be faithful stewards of the dominion you have entrusted to us on earth, according to your grace given to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABRAHAM'S TRUST IN GOD

Abraham is tested when God commands him to sacrifice his own son, the embodiment of God's promise to him. Through God's own provision on the mountain, the promise holds.

Genesis 22:1 –18

Silent Reflection

***HYMN: #508**

Faith While Trees Are Still in Blossom

FOR THE BREAD

PRAYER (read in unison): Gracious God of all believers, through Abraham's trust in your promise you made known your faithful love to countless numbers. By the grace of Christ's sacrifice fulfill in your Church and in all creation the joy of your promise and new covenant. Amen.

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL

The prophet Isaiah issues an invitation of abundant life to the hungry and thirsty.

Isaiah 55:1 –11

Silent Reflection

BELL ANTHEM

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Arr. Tammy Waldrop

PRAYER (read in unison): Creator of all things, you freely offer water to the thirsty and food to the hungry. Refresh us by the water of baptism and feed us with the bread and wine of your table, that your Word may bear fruit in our lives, and bring us all to your heavenly banquet through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BURIED AND RAISED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM

The apostle Paul reminds us that in Christ we have already died, drowned in baptism. Yet we who have died are raised to newness of life.

Romans 6:3 –11

Silent Reflection

***HYMN: #610**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: John 11: 1-44

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory – Prelude on “Gaudeamus Pariter”

*Doxology – Hymn #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Prayer

Robert Buckley Farlee

OLD HUNDREDTH

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON: John 20: 1-18

CHORAL ANTHEM

O Sacred Feast

Healey Willan

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN: #322**

Up from the Grave He Arose

CHRIST AROSE

EASTER BLESSING: We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Hallelujah, Chorus from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel
(See provided booklets. Please join in and sing. If you feel called, come forward and join the Choir.)

***POSTLUDE**

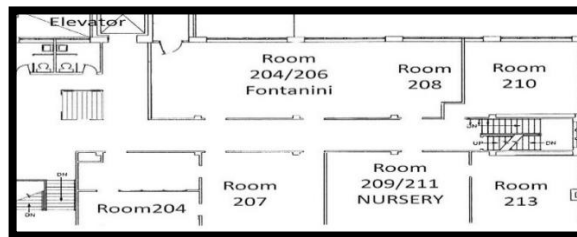
Toccata, from the *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Lead Pastor: Jeff Meyer
Organist & Sanctuary Choir Director: Jeffrey Verkuilen
Audio: Dave Dexter, Video: Carol Shield
Ushers: Lynda & Tom Hansen, Julie Van Klooster, Susan Byrne
Welcome Center: Rosie Jonas

Childcare is available for infants, toddlers, and children up to grade 4K in Room 209 (located on the second floor) during the service. If you need assistance locating the childcare area, please ask an usher.



A sound proof Family Room is available east of the pulpit. Families are able to see and hear all that is happening in the service.

Hearing Loop Reminder

We have a Hearing Loop installed in our Sanctuary and Room 108. If you have a Telecoil in your hearing aid all you need do is switch it on when in our Sanctuary or Room 108 and you will receive sound directly from our sound system. Also, Hearing Loop receivers are available if you do not have a hearing aid but have difficulty hearing. They can be checked out at the Welcome center. Please supply your own ear phones.



