

# Order of Worship

## *Easter Sunday*

April 5, 2026 10:00 AM

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Please fill out the red attendance pad located at the end of each pew.

*\* At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

**Prelude** **Trumpet Tune for Easter Morning** Bankson  
Denny Edbrock, trumpet; Steve McBride, organ

**Welcome** Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

### **Greeting**

Leader: The dark night is behind us;  
the morning light erased all darkness and doubt.

**People: All that remains is the empty tomb and the wrappings of pain and death.**

Leader: The Lord has risen; he's no longer among the dead.

**People: He lives. The Lord has risen!**

Leader: Yes, the Lord lives! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.

**People: Let us then worship together, extinguishing all doubt and fear  
with joyful songs and an unbreakable faith in our Redeemer!**

**Hymn** **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Christ, we come to the empty tomb,  
we meet our own death,  
we meet our own tomb, we meet our own emptiness.  
And we remember how we have treated other people—  
members of our family, friends, and neighbors.

**People: Lord, we come to your tomb,  
we meet a hungry world before us,  
the pain of starving children,  
the guilt of war on our hands,  
and we know that collectively, we share in those injustices.**

Leader: Lord, we come to the empty tomb,  
we search within ourselves, and we cannot escape what we are,  
people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing,  
for some a deep sense of loneliness  
and frustration of what we would be but are not.

**People: Lord, when we come to the empty tomb,  
we lay before you our pain,  
our emptiness and look to you for hope.**

Leader: People of God,  
why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty tomb?  
Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you uncomfortable here?

**People: Our wounds are deep,  
we have turned away from that man,  
we have broken with him and seek his fellowship.**

### **Words of Forgiveness**

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: Do not dwell on your wounds any longer  
for he has risen to heal you,  
he has risen to forgive you;  
he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.  
Christ has risen to forgive us.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Scripture**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

Rev. Lima

### **Anthem**

**An Anthem for Easter**

William Billings

Chancel Choir

(1746-1800)

William Billings was the first published composer born on the American continent.

Much of his music was written around the time of the American Revolution  
and often reflected the desire for justice and freedom of the time.

### **Children's Message**

### **Scripture**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

**Living Love – Now and Forever!**

Rev. Hopkins



*The pastor continues...*

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

*The pastor continues...*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

And now with the confidence of children of God,  
let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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.**

**Communion Anthem**

**I Got Me Flowers**

Daniel Burton

Chancel Choir

**Sending Forth**

**Hymn**

**Great Things**

**Benediction**

Rev. Hopkins