

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Prayers of the People:

(see bulletin)

Welcome! We are glad you came to worship with us today!
It is our prayer that you will be richly blessed as we worship.

†Denotes please stand as you are able in praise to God.

Pastoral Greeting:

Call to Worship:

L: It happened! Jesus was absolutely right!

P: Christ is risen! It was as he said it would be!

L: Darkness is gone! Brightness reigns!

P: God's love has poured over us, bringing us joy and hope!

L: We are free from fear and doubt!

P: We are free to celebrate and dance, and shout the Good News
"Christ is Risen!"

ALL: "Christ is Risen! Alleluia! AMEN!"

*Hymn of Praise:

"Were You There?"

UMH #288

Prayer of Confession:

L: Let us draw near to God and confess our sins. .

P: We have to admit it, Lord, that we had our doubts. We have heard the Resurrection story and for so many years it has remained just a nice story. But this time it is different. This time we have walked the path with Christ. We have journeyed through the wilderness and valleys, to the mountaintops to the courtyard, the garden and the cross. Now you bring us to the empty tomb and to the joyous news of the truth of Christ. Forgive us when we so easily doubt the truth of his resurrection. Forgive us when we feel we have to have absolute proof of everything. Your love in Jesus Christ is all the proof we need. You conquered death and sin, you brought us to new life. We praise your holy name and sing our unending song of hope and thanksgiving. Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

* Gloria Patri:

(Glory Be to the Father)

UMH #70

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:

*The Doxology:

UMH #95

*Passing of the Peace of Christ:

Prayer for Illumination:

All: Risen Lord, as we hear the good news of your resurrection, fill our hearts with joy and wonder. Open our eyes to see the new life you bring, and open our ears to hear your promise of hope for all people. May your Word illuminate our lives, transforming despair into celebration, and filling us with the power of your living presence. Help us to live as Easter people, witnesses to your victory over death and sin. Amen.

OT Scripture:

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Pew Bible Pg. 559

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 118:14-29

UMH #839

*Gospel Scripture:

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible Pg. 768

Hymn of Preparation: "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH # 322

Message:

Jay W. Brown, CLM/OSL

Holy Communion:

*Closing Hymn:

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" vs. 1-4

UMH #302

*Benediction and Sending Forth:

"God Be with You till We Meet Again" vs. 1&2

UMH #672



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Church Announcements!!!!

Weekly Church Services:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m

Weekly Bible Study

1st and 3rd Tuesday's 7:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC

2nd and 4th Tuesday's at St. John's UMC

*(Any questions please check with either
Lettie-Jane or the Pastor)*

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Administrative Chairperson: (Emeritus) Roberta Suloff

Trustees Chairperson: Robert White

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