

Sunday, April 5 , 2026 – 9:30 am

BLESSED EASTER SUNDAY!

TODAY'S FOCUS: RESURRECTION. How do we respond to transformation? Do we leave? Believe? Or proclaim?

PRELUDE — Brendan Krueger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING HYMN UMH #302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (vs. 1-4)

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP — Kati Zuromski

One: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one who announces peace!

Many: How beautiful are those who bring good news and announce salvation.

One: Let us all proclaim to the ends of the earth, “Our God reigns!”

Many: Our God reigns!

One: Break forth together into singing! Sing with joy the good news!

Many: Our God reigns!

One: The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;

Many: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed. Our God reigns!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

SPECIAL MUSIC — Rinn Choir

“Gloria in Excelsis”

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Lin

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18— Kati Zuromski

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

MESSAGE

“Seeing is Believing”

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

UMH #310 “He Lives”

1. I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he’s always near.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all. Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Kati Zuromski

All: God of the resurrection, Lord of new life, revive us again, that we may be contagious with joy until all the world catches your love and lives in faithful communion with you and with one another. Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #327 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

**2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.**

His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,

who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways,

From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet

Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,

Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

BENEDICTION — Lin

Don’t forget the Easter Egg Hunt right after worship!

POSTLUDE — Brendan Krueger

Prelude/Postlude—Brendan Krueger

Offertory— Scott Anderson

Organ — Betsy Foushee

Liturgist — Kati Zuromski

Special Music: Rinn Choir, Directed by Rhonda Ritter

Accomp.— Brendan Krueger

Song Leader — Bonnie Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Children's Message — Lin Cheek