

# Easter Sunday Worship

April 20, 2025 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** He is Risen!

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Risen Today!" Christina Becket

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Patti Schif

**\*Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 118 Leader

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**People:** I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People:** The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People:** This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**\*Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302  
(v. 1-4)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Patti Schif Leader  
What a GLORIOUS day!! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for Your choice to save us! Today is just a tiny glimmer of the joy we will share with You when we enter Your kingdom. I wonder, what would I have done that First Easter Sunday? Would I have been afraid? Would I have run towards you? Would I have laughed? Cried? I play each of those possibilities in my mind and I truly do not know. However, today, I know that I am here to run to You and give you all the praise and all the Glory. ALLELUIA! Amen.

## Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Christ Is Risen, Indeed" Nan and Dennis Allen

A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** [Isaiah 25:6-9](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 24:1-12](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "Christ Has Risen" TFWS #2115  
(v. 1,2,4)

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Pastoral Prayer

**\*Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

## Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, you've given us your son so that we can know you more. You've given us your Holy Spirit to raise Jesus from the grave and *prove* your power over death. Through all of this, you've given us open access to your throne room! Thank you, thank you, thank you. We now approach the *empty* cross to celebrate this Resurrection Sunday. In gratitude for your gifts to us, we bring to you these treasures. We pray that you use them to increase your kingdom on this earth. Use them, and use us, to be instruments of your love and change in the world around us. We pray this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

\*Sending Hymn      "Up From the Grave He Arose"      UMH #322

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response      "Alleluia"      TFWS #2043  
(sing 4 times)

Postlude

***Altar Arrangement In Joy and Celebration of Our Risen Lord!  
Alleluia!!***

***Coffee Hour Host: Rose Aiello and Lynn Abbott***

**Coming Up:**

***Apr. 27th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - With Worship  
Leader Dave Pettigrew! Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our  
study of God's Word ([John 20:19-31](#)) and enjoy some praise and  
worship together as a Church family! Come and join us!***

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for  
**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)  
(Live Meeting)



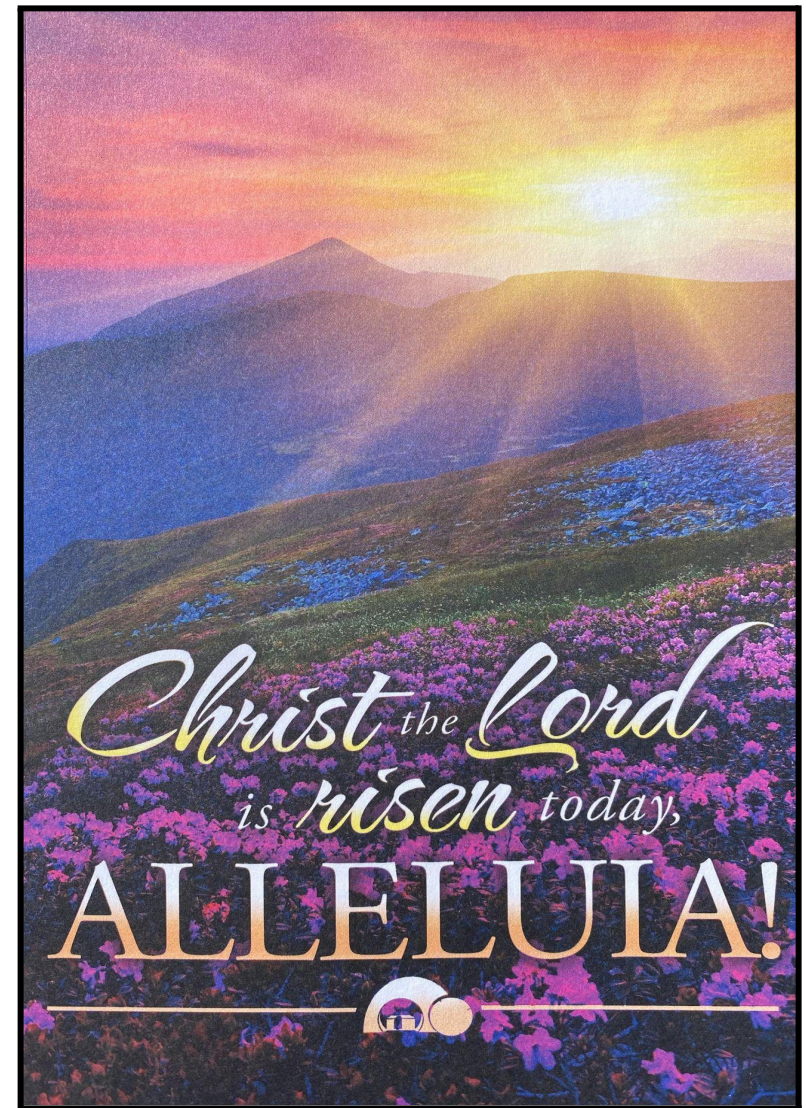
[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)  
(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**  
<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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