

Easter Sunday Worship

April 5, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: He is Risen!

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Low in the Grave" Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***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: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

People: **O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

***Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302
(v. 1-4) Trumpet: Ben Solano
Clavinova: Amy Rajpolt

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by a UMCM Angel* Leader
Jesus, You made a way for me! You died in my place. You were betrayed. The betrayal, sealed with a kiss! Death has no hold over you. You conquered death, coming out of the grave, offering me the gift of coverage for my sin by your blood. Jesus, You are ALIVE! I cannot even fathom the depths of Your love to save me. Jesus I am grateful to You for your gift! Jesus, I celebrate Your triumph today! Jesus, I glorify You! Jesus has risen, He has risen indeed.
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
Amen, forever.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM

"This is the Day"

Jay Althouse
Trumpet: Ben Solano

A Time for Children

"Come, Join in Our Song"

Michael Praetorius
UMCM Kids

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [Colossians 3:1-4](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Matthew 28:1-10](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology**

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, we approach Your altar with these gifts, but we first must thank you. Thank you for keeping the promises spoken through the prophets. Thank you for giving so much of yourself so that we may choose a restored relationship with you. Thank you for giving us your presence to be with us always, even until the very end of the age. Now, we give back to you, because that's what families do. Use these gifts to support your ministries here and abroad. Use our time and talents to go and tell the world about you. *Speak, for your servant is listening.* In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Christ, We Are Blest" WS #3174
(v. 2-4)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" TFWS #2026
(sing twice)

Postlude "Prince of Denmark's March" Jeremiah Clarke
Trumpet: Ben Solano

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

Join is for Coffee Hour Hosted by Lynn Abbott

Coming Up:

Apr. 12th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([John 20:19-29](#)) to proclaim, "My Lord, and my God!" Come and believe!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



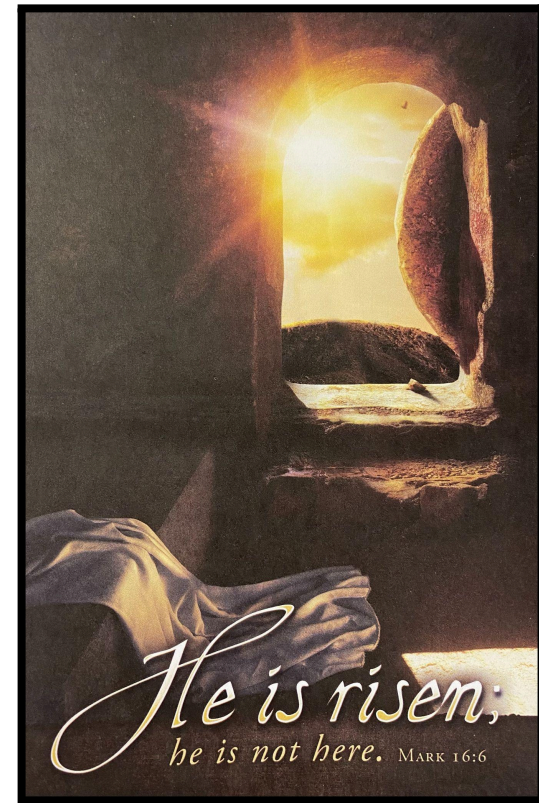
[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



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

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:



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