

Sunday Worship

April 12, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Blessed by Faith

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "The Light from on High" David Paxton

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Chris Shope

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the season of joy, of new beginnings, of hope that refuses to stay buried.

People: **We come ready to celebrate the God who brings life out of every shadow.**

Leader: We bring our faith that sings, and our faith that wobbles.

People: **God welcomes our questions, our wonder, and our praise.**

Leader: In Eastertide, even our doubts are invited to dance in the light of resurrection.

People: **For God meets us with peace, patience, and overflowing grace.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Risen One who turns fear into courage and uncertainty into joy.

People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

*Opening Hymn "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" UMH #312
(v. 1,3,4)

*Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Risen God, in this Easter season you fill the world with light, and our hearts with the promise that life is stronger than death, hope is stronger than fear, and love is stronger than anything that tries to diminish it. You meet us in our joy, our questions, and in the places where we're still trying to catch up to your grace. Yet we confess that we don't always live as Easter people. We let worry crowd out wonder. We cling to old fears even when you offer new life. We doubt your presence when we cannot see the way forward. Forgive us, O God. Lift our spirits again. Roll away the stones we place in our own

path. Open our hearts to the joy you are already planting within us. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in hope, speak with kindness, and live with the courage of people who know the tomb is empty and your love is alive. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Isaac Watts

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Judges 6:36-40](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [John 20:19-29](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Honest Doubt" Rose Aiello

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response "We Walk By Faith" TFWS #2196
(v. 1-3)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

*Doxology The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Generous and Risen God, as we bring our gifts today—our offerings, our time, our energy, our love—receive them as signs of our joy in you. Use what we give to bring light where there is shadow, comfort where there is need, and resurrection hope wherever your people gather. Make us cheerful givers, courageous servants, and Easter people who live with open hands and open hearts. Bless these gifts and bless us as we offer them to you. Amen.

