

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Christ
is Risen

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Easter Sunday Worship Celebration

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*** Where indicated, stand if you are able.**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Ringin' God's Praise

"Allegro Spiritoso"
Greg Underwood

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Rhinehart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: This is the day of resurrection.

People: Let us rejoice and celebrate!

Leader: This is Easter Sunday.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: Let us pray. God of life and love, we are eager to hear the good news of new life. Enter our lives and cast our fears aside. Lead us on a journey from grief and despair to hope and joy. We are ready to celebrate and give thanks for your transforming love. We are eager to rejoice in the glory of this day! Give us Easter spirits and open hearts. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN 302

"Christ The Lord is Risen Today"
Vs. 1-4

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jill Rhinehart

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Ringin' God's Praise

"Ring the Easter Bells"
Joseph Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jennifer Prince

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

SCRIPTUREJohn 20:1—18
(NRSV New Testament pg. 114)

MESSAGE“He Is Risen”

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTSUshers will come forward

OFFERTORY“A Joyful Alleluia”
Ringinɡ God’s PraiseCynthia Dobrinski

*DOXOLOGY

*CLOSING HYMN 159“Lift High the Cross”

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE“Praise Be to God”
Arr. Powers

Our worship service has ended.
Now, our service through worship begins.

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- Lilies
- Jim Ariail—Honor of Carolyn Ariail
 - Larry & Carolyn Barber—Memory of Helen Barber & Helen Harden
 - Pam Budd—Memory of Dudley Culp
 - Rachel Burgin—Memory of Samuel Garren Burgin
 - Annette Coleman—Memory of Paula Denise Hutchinson
 - Jim & Nancy Creel—Memory of Gavin Creel
 - Jane Davis—Memory of Roy & Margaret Chapman
 - Angie Dotson & AC Williams—Honor of Audrey Dotson
Memory of Shirley Williams & Jean Beachboard
 - Nicky Dotson—Memory of Billy, Alex & Stephen
 - David Honeycutt—Memory of Sondra Honeycutt
 - Julie Jewsbury—Memory of Pat Jewsbury
 - Tim & Terri Kilmer—Memory of William Kilmer and John & Carol Burnett
 - JoAnn McGough— Honor of the McGough Family & the Eagles Family
 - Tammy Peek—Memory of Joyce Biddix
 - Jill Rhinehart—Honor of Kinsey Ferron & Nicolas Rhinehart
 - Betty Swarthout—Memory of Rev. Arthur W. Swarthout
 - Will & Michelle Troxell—Memory of Dean, Brian & Adam Troxell

Announcements

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

Sunday’s Ushers—Thank you to our Ushers! **Maro Slaughter, Jane Williams, Stan Boyd (steward), Fred Bailey.** Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer! **Lauren Rhein**

Meeting Reminders:

- **Outreach**—will meet tomorrow, April 21, at 3pm in the Jack Bass Classroom.
- **Table of 16**—will meet this **Wednesday, April 23, at 11:30am** at Longhorn Steakhouse.

Office Closed—The church office will be closed on **Monday, April 21**, in observation of the Easter Monday holiday.

Newsletter - If you or your group would like to advertise an upcoming event in next month’s newsletter, please email your group/event name and brief description to Veronica Bagwell *no later than April 23.* veronicab@groceumc.org

National Day of Prayer—This year on **May 1** our Sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer time from **10am—4pm** in recognition of National Day of Prayer. We hope you’ll take this opportunity to pray for our world and loved ones.

Church Family Meeting—Next **Sunday, May 4**, the TL3 Leadership team will host a Church Family Meeting in the Sanctuary directly following the 10:30am worship service. Come hear the latest Groce news and contribute your ideas and thoughts!

Spring Concert Series - The third and final concert of this year’s Spring Concert Series will be held on **Sunday, May 4, at 3pm**. This concert will feature **various artists** offering piano, guitar, trumpet, and more. You don’t want to miss what these artists have to offer!

Italian Dinner - The United Methodist Men are back to host this year’s Italian Dinner on **Saturday, May 10, at 6pm!** The cost per **adult is \$13 (in advance) and \$15 on the day; children are \$7; and the family rate is \$35.** If you would like to attend, please fill out a form (located in the church office) and submit it to Veronica by **Wednesday, May 7**. Stick around for the **Talent Show at 7pm!**

Welcome Table Desserts—The weekly Welcome Table is in need of two volunteers a week to make desserts for their meal. If you are interested, please see the signup sheet located on the bulletin board outside the front office.

Website! - Come visit our website with features such as a picture gallery, an interactive calendar, Ministry news and more! Go to www.groceumc.org or scan the QR Code: 