

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of peace and justice, you have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Today we raise Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, and all parts of the world where people are suffering from war. Provide protection and comfort to the innocent who have been impacted. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. Stop the wars o, God. Amen.

\*HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH #302

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

We have heard the story. Life triumphed over death. Grief became joy.  
Go now and tell the good news: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *Scherzino*  
by Cesar Cui

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

Thank you to Flutist, Chrissy Fong, and Violinist, Hahnsol Kim, for accompanying our Minister of Music and Pianist, Jeong-Hwa Park for this morning's service.



RISEN!

**Community United Methodist Church**

**April 20, 2025**

**Easter Sunday**

Rev. Sue H. Yun, Pastor  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EASTER SUNDAY

10 a.m. April 20, 2025

\* indicates “stand if you are able.” UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.

PRELUDE Easter Alleluia Medley  
arr. by Gary Lanier

INTROIT Alleluia, Christ Is Risen CUMC Adult Choir  
by Michael Larkin

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.  
**All: Praise the Lord!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you  
**All: And also with you**

\*HYMN Up from the Grave He Arose UMH #322

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: This is the day of resurrection.  
**All: Let us rejoice and celebrate!**

One: This is Easter Sunday.  
**All: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER

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.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES “Children’s Message”

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Come, O God, and bring new life to the dead places in our hearts. When we are weary and afraid, help us trust your never-failing love. May this love banish our fears, nourish our spirits, and deepen our joy. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God’s love is faithful and everlasting. This is the day that God has made. It is filled with new life and hope.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 10:34-43  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18

One: The Word of God for the people of God  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Mary Magdalene’s Journey to the Risen Christ” Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Let us rejoice and give thanks this day, bringing our gifts to God.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Is He Worthy? CUMC Adult Choir  
by Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive/arr. Heather Sorenson

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of life and love, we are grateful for your promise of resurrection and new life. Your love is stronger than the powers of evil and injustice. With joy, we bring our gifts to you this day. Use our gifts and our lives to proclaim Christ’s triumph over death. Amen

JOYS & CONCERNS