

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ. Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently - eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve. May what we give today help announce to the world that hope is alive, love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained. Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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 up all people suffering from war. Provide protection and comfort to the innocent. 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 *Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH #322

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Go now in the blessing of God, who meets death with life, hatred with love, and every ending with new beginnings. May you go forth as Easter people, to live, to love, and to share hope. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and always. Amen.

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

POSTLUDE *Laudamus te*
by Antonio Vivaldi

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED **NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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



He is not here, for he has been raised

Community United Methodist Church

**April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EASTER SUNDAY

10 a.m.

April 5, 2026

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

PRELUDE *O Worship the King*
arr. By Catherine McMichael

INTROIT *O Praise the Risen Lord, Alleluia!* CUMC Adult Choir
by Benedetto Marcello / arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH #302
vs. 1, 2, & 6

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

One: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

One: God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

One: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

OPENING PRAYER

Risen Lord, we come with joy to celebrate new life. Roll away our doubts, renew our hearts, and fill us with hope and praise. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news. God is doing a new thing, even now. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, renewed, and made new.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 31:1-6
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 28:1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN *He Lives* UMH #310
vs. 1 & 3

SERMON "Who Is This? He Is the Messiah!" Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Christ is risen, and hope lives in us. As we celebrate the gift of new life, let us share what we have with joy and gratitude. In giving, we join in God's work of life and love through Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Christ Risen from the Dead* CUMC Adult Choir
by James Koerts

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