

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Reader: Deborah Follett

God is Still Speaking ...

"The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it."
- N. T. Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Lord's My Shepherd" Barbara Baltzer Kinyon
Bell Choir

* EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The morning has dawned, the stone has been rolled away,
and hope has been reborn.

**People: This is the day our God has made. We will rejoice and
be glad in it!**

Pastor: God has opened the gates of righteousness, and we enter to
give our thanks and praise.

People: Our God is good! God's steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Believe with your whole heart what God has done this day.

People: Christ the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* HYMN OF RESURRECTION #367 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, the message of Easter has come again before we were
ready to receive it. The Palm Sunday parade demanded very little
of us and the suffering and death of the cross have left us fearful
and shaken. We are afraid that following Jesus is more than we
can handle. So we ask you to resurrect something new within us.
We have heard the news that Christ is risen, we want to respond,**

**and we want to be a new creation. Continue to call our name
because we need the good news of Easter...**

Silent confession...

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When God raised Jesus from the tomb, the disciples who deserted Jesus
felt the hope of forgiveness. The Spirit of our Risen Savior is among us
today, claiming us for our new life together. God's forgiveness has been
granted as God intends that we move from death to life. All of us are
invited to share in the promise of the Easter season.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

"Majesty"
Choir

Jack W. Hayford

*(We hope you enjoy this Sunday's anthem! We are blessed by the opportunity
to enhance today's service. Please know applause is appreciated but not
necessary. If we are able to deepen our worship of God, that is all the
acknowledgment we need. Thank you!)*

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

Old Testament Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 14 - 24
*Gospel John 20: 1 - 10

* THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and
sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

MEDITATION IN CHARACTER

SCRIPTURE Gospel John 20: 11 - 18

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
Tom Birchwood

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

* EUCHARISTIC BLESSING

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy, gracious God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love. We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence. We accept you into our bodies and into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us the gift of eternal life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life only you can offer and we give you our thanks and praise this day and always. Through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #358 (Green Hymnal) "Because He Lives"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "He Rose"

Afro-American Spiritual

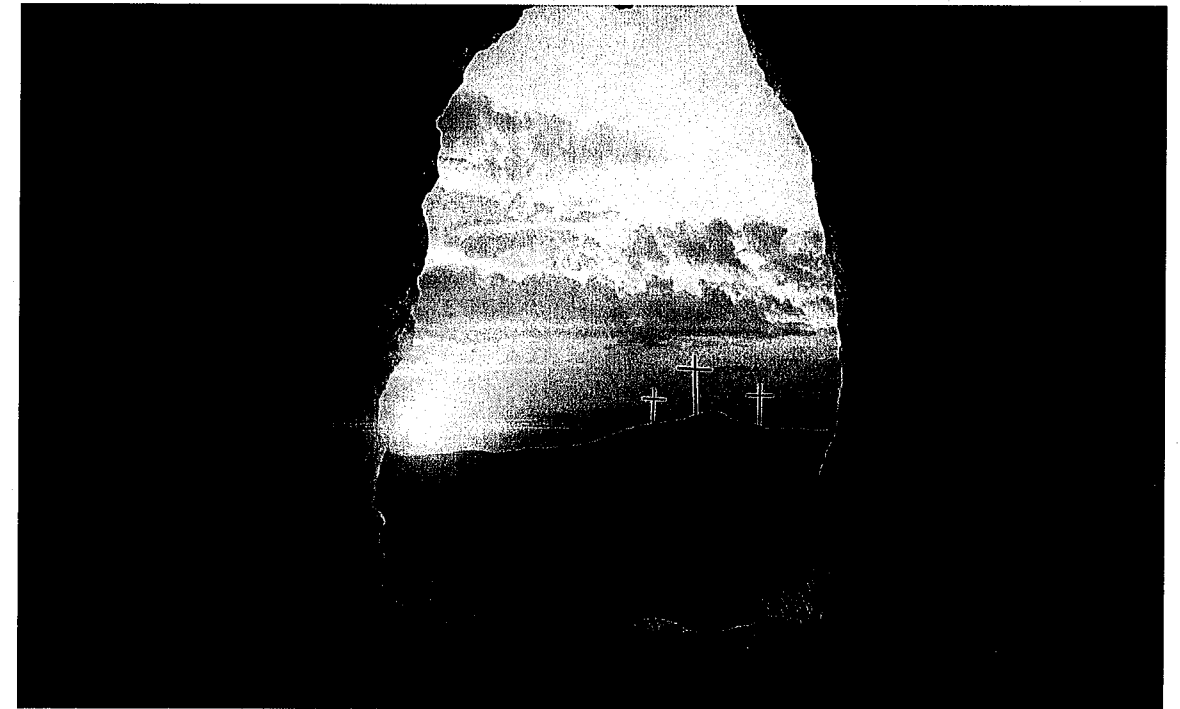
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He is Risen!!

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever. Let the people of God say, "God's faithful love lasts forever!" The Lord was my strength and protection; he was my saving help! The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's strong hand is victorious! The Lord's strong hand is ready to strike! The Lord's strong hand is victorious!" I won't die—no, I will live and declare what the Lord has done. Yes, the Lord definitely disciplined me, but he didn't hand me over to death.

Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord! This is the Lord's gate; those who are righteous enter through it. I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help. The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone! This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight! This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

John 20: 1 - 10

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there,

but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

John 20: 11 - 18

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

Pastor:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the Bread and the Cup, Resurrecting God, and upon us who seek to be your children. When we are done eating and drinking with the Risen Lord, send us forth to feed the hungry. Served at the Table by the One who freed us from death, we would go out to be servants of the poor and oppressed in our world. Called to proclaim the good news of Easter, we would do so with our hands and hearts, not just our lips.

Through Christ, glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving are yours, God of new life, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy people, on this first day of the week and in all the days to come.

2257-d (Great Amen)

A - men. A - men. A - men. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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2257-a Communion Setting

(Preface)

Leader The Lord be with you. *All* And al -
Leader so with you. *All* Lift up your
hearts. *All* We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All* It is
right to give our thanks and praise.

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Pastor:

It is a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth. And how good it is on this day of joy to lift our glad songs of praise to you, Redeemer of the lost. You planted your steadfast love in the gardens of creation, but we ate the bitter fruit of idolatry and sin.

Prophets came in your name, bringing your gracious word, but we could not hear them call our name. When we were about to perish, when we could have died, you sent the One who could bear that threat away.

Therefore, on this day and every day, with those in heaven and those on earth, we lift our glad cries to you:

2257-b

(Sanctus)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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Pastor:

Holy are you, God of Easter, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sent by you to bring us salvation. Jesus is your right hand, and he releases us from sin's grip; walking through the darkness of death, he leads us into the kingdom's light; confounding the practitioners of evil, he did good for others; humbling himself to experience our pain and suffering, he is raised to rule over all.

Words of Institution

As we believe what we may not understand, we trust that mystery we call faith:

2257-c

(Memorial Acclamation)

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain. Ho
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Ann Crouch (Deb Ellis' friend)
Deb Winslow (Peg Scholl relative)
Tia Carreras (Peg Scholl relative)
Meg Nagel
Carol Frankhouser (K. Andrew's friend)
Chad Wenrich
Chris Alcaia (Vickie Ristenbatt's brother)
Deb Ellis & Ed Gundrum
Samuel K. Wengert, III
Theresa Arntz (Peg Scholl's co-worker)
Beverly Ann (Deb. Ellis' relative)
Rebecca Colban
Hannah Andino (Holly Brandt's Co-worker)
Miranda Trokie
Dan Hockenberry

Friends and Members with ongoing concerns

Andy Shearer, Lynn Balmer
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Trudy Berkheimer, Cindy Johnson
Paul and Kay Peiffer
Ed and Gayle Olden
Juanita Fuhrman, Eva Miller, Andrew Scholl
Megan, Jaxon and Ava Tilley
Michael Worhach (Russ Scholl's son-in-law)
Ken & Charlotte Wengert,
Joe Adams (Lois Smith's brother)
Sandra Schauer (Michael Smith's aunt)
Mary, Serenity and Harmonie Earl
Matthew Scholl
Michael and Lois Smith

ST. MARK'S CALENDAR
For the Week of April 5, 2026

Sunday Choir Rehearsal – 8:30 AM
 Worship Service – 10 AM
 Pastor Dave & MJ's Easter Dinner – 4:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM



Members from our church family who are shut-in or home bound, people living under the threat of war, and those recovering from natural disasters.

ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The bulletins are sponsored by Lillian Schieber in honor of Pastor Dave and MJ.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: April 12, 19 and 26. Dates available for bulletins are: May 10, 17, 24 and 31. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Joshua Tickets – If you would like to go to Joshua at Sight and Sound and didn't sign up in September, now is the time to decide. We have several tickets available. Cost for adult is \$80 and for those ages 3-13, cost is \$40. The cost of the tickets is being subsidized by the Christian Ed Committee. Date is June 17th, the 3 PM show. Please see Kathy if interested.

Coffee Klatsch – Do you like to bake or make snacks/treats? We are looking for more people to help us for our coffee hour before the service and after the service. If you are interested in helping us, please contact the office or talk to Diane Vogel.

Membership to St. Mark's – If anyone is interested or has any questions either on how to join or what is involved, please talk to Pastor Dave or you can call the office.

PEOPLE OF THE TABLE - WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD STARTING APRIL 5TH TO MAY 24TH. LET'S SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY WITH THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT. THIS IS THE LINK YOU CAN CLICK ON – TO READ MORE ABOUT “PEOPLE OF THE TABLE”.
<https://keystoneucc.org/people-of-the-table/>

50 DAYS OF EASTER FOOD CHALLENGE

The Challenge: Churches across the Conference are challenged to donate non-perishable food to a local food bank between Easter (04/05/2026) and Pentecost (05/24/2026) and to report the quantities of their donations.

Each church will report its totals (by category) via a web link, and the Conference-wide total will be revealed at the 1st Annual Meeting, June 5-7, 2026. Using categories such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, pasta and rice, toiletries, and more will provide an easy-to-visualize picture of the breadth of donations.

Having churches donate locally will allow you to serve the communities in which you live, work, and minister. We want to avoid hauling donations across the commonwealth to a single location when we know the need exists everywhere

Save the Dates:

April 19	Lebanon Rescue Mission
April 25	Women's Retreat – 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
April 26	Hoss's Day

Conference Call information:
Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284
Press* when asked for your attendee pin

2026 EASTER FLOWER PRESENTATIONS

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**Dr. Jack Cassidy – Professor, mentor and friend
Myrtle O’Toole Ellis – Grandmother
Florence “Peaches” Baker – mother-in-love**

**Edward Gundrum –
my husband and best friend**

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