

**APRIL 5, 2026 - 10:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**OPENING SONG**

**GREETING** Pastor Mandy

**CALL TO WORSHIP\*** Lay Reader

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: **Christ is risen indeed! We bring our joyful alleluias to this place.**

One: The tomb stands empty, and new life hovers in this dawn. God has raised Jesus from the dead.

Many: **We praise God for the mystery and the excitement of new life.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is with us.

Many: **Christ is with us indeed!**

**SONG OF PRAISE** Happy Day Praise Team

**KIDS FOR CHRIST** Pastor Mandy

**OPENING PRAYER** Lay Reader

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**FIRST GOSPEL LESSON** Lay Reader

**SONG OF PRAISE** In Christ Alone Praise Team

**SECOND GOSPEL LESSON** Pastor Mandy

**SERMON**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**SONG OF PRAISE** Because He Lives Praise Team

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**  
**GOING FORTH**

**JOHN 20:1-18 (Common English Bible)**

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. 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.

**JOHN 20:19-23 (Common English Bible)**

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

An artistic illustration of an Easter Sunday scene. In the foreground, four women in traditional robes and head coverings stand on a stone path, their hands clasped in prayer. They are looking towards a large, rocky tomb entrance on the right. Inside the tomb, a simple wooden cross is visible. The background features a winding path leading to a small village with a church steeple, set against a backdrop of rolling hills and a bright, rising sun. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, and the landscape is adorned with various flowers, including lilies and irises. The overall mood is one of hope and joy.

# EASTER SUNDAY

## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Mandy Newman

Lay Reader: Youth

Praise Team: Matthew Kapus, Rhonda Kapus, Susan Pleasants, Donna Seabrease, Terry Mathis, Ally McCormick, and Bryan Potts

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!