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April 12th, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

“An Easter Alleluia”

Tom Smith

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Donald Fishel

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: When doors were shut and the world was kept out,

People: *resurrection found the disciples.*

Leader: When the church gathers and the world waits outside,

People: *resurrection finds us.*

Leader: When fear grew and new questions were found,

People: *Resurrection found the disciples.*

Leader: When faith leads us into new questions about life,

People: *resurrection finds us. Let us worship the risen Lord.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*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.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 318

“In Christ There is no East or West”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*...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 **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 20: 19-31, page 115

ANTHEM

“Because You Live, O Christ”

Shirley Erena Murray

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52, page 14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

“The Treasure We Seek”

Nancy Wazenegger

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

Page 35 of hymnbook

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

“O Sons and Daughter’s”

French Melody

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 245

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Christ is Risen! Should Hosanna!”

Brian Wren

*POSTLUDE

“Rejoice! He is Risen!”

Lani Smith

*CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*SESSION MEETING

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of April 12th – April 19th

Today: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Rev. Nancy Wazenegger
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
11:15 a.m. Session Meeting
Wednesday: 5:45 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
 4:00 p.m. Children Education Committee Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome back Rev. Nancy Wazenegger as she brings forth the message this morning.

The Session has called a Congregational meeting today, following Worship Service, for the purpose of hearing from the Nominating Committee regarding filling the vacant position on Session. Following the Congregational meeting, the Session will meet.

Today is the final day for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. This offering goes to those who have been affected by natural disasters, in need of food, and encountering difficult situations. All donations are greatly appreciated.

We have numerous "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Please continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Gail and Keith Hardin.