

***SENDING HYMN**

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel

BENEDICTION

"Holy, holy, holy are you,
Love which never ends!
Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"

Rev. Chris Richards

POSTLUDE "Toccatà" from Symphony for Organ No. 5 by *Charles-Marie Widor* Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Andy Borden, Joshua Young, Anthony Watson, Kendall Niedzinski,
Cheyenne Johnson, Tim Paul, Danny Reeves, Dave Howland and Sanctuary Choir

TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETER:** Sandy Terry | **LITURGIST:** Susan Brown

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service for coffee,
treats and fellowship. The Advisory Council is hosting this morning's fellowship hour.

All Easter egg hunters should gather in Fellowship Hall before
we head to the front lawn to hunt for eggs!

Happy Easter to all!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

"Jesus said to Mary, 'Why do you weep, who are you looking for?'"
The Gospel of John

PRELUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" by Gordon Young Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Richards

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

*Stand in body or spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Susan Brown

Leader: Come this day, people of faith, for darkness gives way to light!

***Congregation:* Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Come this day and know Good Friday gives way to love!

***Congregation:* Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Come and worship this hour, knowing that despair gives way to hope!

***Congregation:* Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Come people of faith, let us worship in spirit and in truth, for death gives way to eternal life!

All: Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen indeed!

GATHERING HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #196 v. 1,2,3,5

*** INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (In Unison) Susan Brown

Eternal God of mercy and new life unending, this is the day you have made, let us rejoice and be glad! We come to praise You and celebrate the Risen Lord. This is the day when hope moved the stone away. Today, like yesterday, everlasting love takes our hands and we walk in the newness of resurrection! Alleluia! Let us pray, the prayer our Lord and Savior taught ...

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.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Because He Lives" #204 v. 1

CHILDREN'S TIME: "The Cross of New Life"

ANTHEM "The Day of Resurrection" by Mary MacDonald Sanctuary Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Chris Richards

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" #200

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 1-18 | Page #114 NT Rev. Chris Richards

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

MESSAGE "I am Back, Thanks Be To God!" Rev. Chris Richards

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the Meeting House this Easter morning!**

Susan Brown
In honor of our parents, Leonard and Marian Brown

John and Lesa Buckland
In memory of our parents, Neale and Peg

Judy Burger
In memory of Bob Burger

Walt and Jan Covert
In memory of our loving parents

The Dietrich Family
In memory of Peter and Elaine Dietrich, Sarah Di Pasquale and Joey Provot

Dick and Pat Dunwell
In celebration of our Risen Christ

Michele Fecht
In loving memory of my parents, Ezra and Doris McElmurry
and in honor of my children, Clara and David Fecht

Charlie and Patti Hokett
In memory of Charlie's sister, Nancy Hytinen

Bonnie and John Hyde
In honor of our grandchildren Riley, Tyler, Maverick and Skylar

Bonnie Hyde
In appreciation of my Meadowbrook family

Norm and Thelma Kubitskey
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Chris and Martha Richards
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In celebration of our grandchildren and Beckham

Carol Riddell
In memory of my siblings Margaret, Robert, Marcia and Richard

Mark and Miriam Rogers
In memory of Bayne Carew

Jody and Dave Scheller
In memory of our daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Di Pasquale

Carrie Skronek
Alleluia! He is Risen!

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