

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 5, 2026
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** Bonnie Hyde

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) Bonnie Hyde

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 "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen" by David M. Cherwein Chancel 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 Mark 16: 8 | John 20: 1-18 Rev. Chris Richards

MESSAGE "Amazement Came Over Them" Rev. Chris Richards

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

MUSICIANS: Danny Reeves, Dave Howland, Meadowbrook Chancel Choir,
Andy Borden, Joshua Young, Anthony Watson and Noah Payton

TECHNICIAN: Emily Eahrow | **LITURGIST:** Bonnie Hyde

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service for coffee,
refreshments and fellowship.

The Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons are hosting this morning.

Holy Week and Easter contributions will be distributed to
Novi Youth Assistance and Northville Youth Network. You may use one of the
Easter offering envelopes found in your pew to give to these worthy organizations.

For those choosing to give towards their church pledge,
please use one of the church offering envelopes.

Thank you for supporting Meadowbrook and the youth in our communities.

All Easter egg hunters should gather in Fellowship Hall before
we begin our egg hunt.

Happy Easter to all!

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**The flowers gracing our Meeting House
this morning are given by:**

Walt and Jan Covert
In celebration of a glorious Easter

The Dietrich Family
In memory of Peter and Elaine Dietrich and Janet Elaine Provot

Dick and Pat Dunwell
In celebration of our Risen Lord and Savior

Michele Fecht
In honor of my children, Clara and David Fecht

Sally and Joe Grezlik
In memory of Shirley Wood

Charlie and Patti Hokett
In honor of our grandchildren, Molly, Lucas, Margie, Jackson and Lacey

John and Bonnie Hyde
In memory of our parents, Joseph and Bernice Hyde and Bob and Betty Breese

Tami Knight

Frank Maynard
In memory of Lisa Barry Maynard

Jim and Barbara Miller
In memory of our daughter, Carolyn Meagher

Carol Moegelin
In memory of my mother, Renee Calligaris

Jim and Joyce Paxten
In gratitude to our Meadowbrook family

Steve and Denise Pearson
In honor of our granddaughter, Morigan Pearson

Carol Riddell
In memory of my parents, Tenho and Elsie Nyysti

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

Mark and Carrie Skronek
In celebration of our church family

Patricia West
In memory of John West

Yvonne Wilson
In memory of my father, Jack Jacques (4-2-1919 to 7-9-1999)

Marilyn Worth
In honor of the promise of Easter