

# Easter Service

## April 5, 2026

### In Preparation for Worship

The time has come for the wolf and the lamb to feed together and the lion to eat straw like the ox. Former things shall not be remembered, for behold, God has created a new heaven and a new earth. In place of weeping shall be rejoicing, and gladness shall reign among God's chosen people. Christ has risen and opened the gates of God's righteousness. Let the people enter and embrace their salvation.

### Chiming of the Hour

#### Prelude and Silent Meditation

"Hallelujah from the Messiah" (arr. Martha Lynn Thompson)  
St. Andrew Handbell Choir & David Loy, Organ

### Invocation

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God.

People: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

### Invocation and Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise "What Wonderous Love Is This" Hymnal #215

\*Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 35

\*Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father) Hymnal #581

### Dedication

Reading of the Word: Luke 24:1-9 New Testament, Page 90  
Romans 10:8-11 New Testament, Page 160

\*Doxology Hymnal #606  
\*Prayer of Dedication  
Anthem "Resurrection Joy" (arr. Lloyd Larson)  
8:30 am & 11:00am The Adult Choir

### Supplication

Morning Prayer  
Prayer Response "Up From the Grave" See below

### Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

\*Hymn: "Thine is the Glory" Hymnal #238

Preaching of the Word: "Power Behind Our Belief"  
Prayer of Application

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution  
Distribution of the Elements  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Consecration

\*Hymn of Consecration:  
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" Hymnal #245

\*Benediction  
\*Postlude  
"Toccata on Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (arr. Diane Bish)

\*Congregation will stand if able.  
Offering plates are at the entrance to sanctuary.



### Prayer Response

Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes, He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever, With His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!