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Community of God

Sunday, April 5, 2026 † 10:30am Worship

Opening Song Celebration Medley FOF UMC Choir

Welcome

A Time of Prayer: Silent/ Pastoral / Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen

Passing of the Peace

Hymn Easter People Raise Your Voices UMH #304

Announcements

Scripture John 20:1-18 Pastor Teresa

Message In the Wilderness Pastor Teresa

Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today UMH #302

Holy Communion Pastor Teresa

*** Closing Song** Christ is Risen UMH #307

*** Benediction**

Celebration Medley:

FOF UMC Choir

Easter People Raise Your Voices

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Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Everyday to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble, move the faster
to our God who rights the wrongs
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs

John 20:1-18

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia

Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion (Acts 10)

As we come to this table with the risen Jesus, we are witnesses to the resurrection! Let us give up all that holds us back from this joy as we offer our confession.

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus our Host, we yearn for your Communion;

we yearn for the hope of new life; we yearn to meet you here.

And yet, despite your invitation, we find ourselves stumbling on our way. We have to admit it, Lord, that we had our doubts. We have heard the Resurrection story and for so many years it has remained just a nice story. But now you bring us to the empty tomb and to the joyous news of the truth of Christ again. Forgive us when we so easily doubt the truth of his resurrection. Forgive us when we feel we have to have absolute proof of everything. Your love in Jesus Christ is all the proof we need. You conquered death and sin, you brought us to new life. We praise your holy name and sing our unending song of hope and thanksgiving. Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Come into the light of God's love! Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. Be at peace and know that In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven

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Glory to God. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your voices to speak of this great love!

We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

It is right and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere, to give thanks to you,
Living God.

Time after time, you draw us here to inspire us,

feed us, and save us.
Especially when our love fails, you are here,
steadfast and true.
You created this world and called it good.
You created us to proclaim your good to all.
And so we raise our voices in praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We remember the life and ministry of Jesus:
how he healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
ate with sinners,
and preached forgiveness and peace.
It was at this table that he issued the invitation:
to gather together,
to share together,
to remember together,
and to go and do likewise in the world.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
And so, on this day of resurrection,
we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, your people,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make us lovers and tellers of your word.

Make us healers and bestowers of your grace.
And make us one body in Jesus Christ.
All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God,
now and for all time!
Amen.

Prayer After Communion:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Christ is Risen

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Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days. Christ is risen!
Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see,
A spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the cavern of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

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never more Shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!