



April 12, 2026 – 10am
Second Sunday of Easter

Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all.

PRELUDE

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” arr. Sorenson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the shadow of empire, we make shelter together

People: We hold each other in grief

Leader: We make space for righteous anger

People: We bring our fears with honesty

Leader: Like the disciples huddled together

People: We turn toward community

Leader: We find our courage together

People: And God meets us here

*Please rise in body or spirit

*HYMN #245

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”



It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

2 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!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #581

“Glory Be to the Father”



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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN #188

“Jesus Loves Me”

TALK WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE FIRST READING

Psalm 16:1-11 (NRSVUE)

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31 (NRSVUE)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY †

Alpha and Omega,
our beginning and our end,
you break through the lock
of gated communities
and hardened hearts:
accept our doubts,
heal our desire for certainty
and, by your Spirit's gentle touch,
make us a people
forgiven and forgiving;
through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace.
Amen.

SERMON

"It's Just Too Good"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Okay" by Lauren Daigle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal p. 35. We say "debts & debtors.")



MINUTE FOR MISSION

Legacy Giving

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



OFFERTORY

“Lord of the Small” arr. Dan Forrest

*DOXOLOGY #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #244

“This Joyful Eastertide”



The verbal and musical elements of this hymn mesh so well because the words were written to fit this Dutch tune (whose name means “fruits”). The news of Christ’s resurrection is joyfully conveyed by the ever-higher phrases and final cascade of notes at the end of the refrain.

1 This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
but now has Christ arisen!

2 Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.
[Refrain]

3 My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.
[Refrain]

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reprise of "This Joyful Eastertide"

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Bible Study - Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Lounge. Join Bible Study with the QR code.

Centering Prayer- Thursdays at 8:30am in the Lounge





Begin the conversation.

Legacy Giving Lunch

4/19 11:15-1:30pm

RSVP <https://bit.ly/CPCLegacyLunch>

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 11 AM

Our members aged 80+ and a guest are invited to lunch and fellowship featuring the Singing Poultry sisters

Transportation provided if requested!

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APRIL 20

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JUNE 15-18,

9-1130AM

3 YRS - 5TH GRADE

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RIISING 6TH GRADE & ABOVE

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JUNE 15-18, 9-11:30AM

Optional:

Setup June 13, 9am-12p,

Tear down June 18, 11:30am

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NEW MEMBER CLASS

APRIL 19 & 26TH 8:30AM

Interested in learning more about our church and what it means to be a member? Join our upcoming New Member Class! Explore our values and mission and discover how you can get connected.

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