

Easter 2026

Spiritual Focus



CITY UNITED CHURCH

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To get our hearts and minds ready for Easter, starting Sunday, March 8, we will be focusing on intentional prayer and guided Bible reading through the Scriptures, including Old Testament prophecies about Christ and the stories of the Passion Week found in the Gospels. In addition, we will participate in an individual time of prayer and fasting on Good Friday. **We are encouraging all members and attenders of City United Church to participate in this special time of intentional spiritual focus.** You can participate in the following ways:

1 – Take Your First Step in Impacting Your World – Make a list of your family and friends who do not know Christ. Begin praying that each one will have a personal encounter with our risen Savior this Easter. Who of that group can you invite to attend City United? You can share the names from your list with our staff and leadership using the Connect Card in the program you receive at an on-campus gathering or the digital Connect Card. Our staff will pray with you that they will attend an Easter gathering. Grab some Easter invite cards on the Connect side of the Worship area to give out during the week where you eat, work, shop, study, live, and play.

2 – Daily Bible Reading:

- **Week of 3/8**

- Sunday: Isaiah 53
- Monday: Matthew 26:1-30
- Tuesday: Matthew 26: 31-75
- Wednesday: Matthew 27:1-31
- Thursday: Matthew 27:32-66
- Friday: Matthew 28: 1-20
- Saturday: Isaiah 40:1-17

- **Week of 3/15**

- Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9
- Monday: Mark 14:1-31
- Tuesday: Mark 14:32-72
- Wednesday: Mark 15:1-20
- Thursday: Mark 15:21-47
- Friday: Mark 16:1-20
- Saturday: Isaiah 42:1-4

- **Week of 3/22**

- Sunday: Isaiah 8:11-17
- Monday: Luke 22:1-38
- Tuesday: Luke 22:39-71
- Wednesday: Luke 23:1-25
- Thursday: Luke 23:26-56
- Friday: Luke 24:1-35
- Saturday: Luke 24:36-52

- **Week of 3/29**

- Sunday: Matthew 21:1-17
- Monday: Psalm 118:22-29
- Tuesday: John 17:1-26
- Wednesday: John 18:1-40
- Thursday: John 19:1-42
- Friday: John 20:1-31
- Saturday: John 21:1-25

3 – Daily Prayer Focus:

- ***Mondays*** – Spend time praying for our group leaders, their groups, and our volunteer team leads.
- ***Tuesdays*** – Spend time praying for our staff. Visit www.cityunited.church/team for a list.
- ***Wednesdays*** – Spend time praying for your family.
- ***Thursdays*** – Spend time praying for the 406,000 people living within a 30 minute drive radius from City United and for the millions of people in New England who don't know Jesus.
- ***Fridays*** – Spend time praying for the Easter weekend gatherings and for the people you are praying for and inviting to attend. Pray for an amazing Easter and expect God to do big things over the weekend.
- ***Saturdays*** – Spend time praying for the Parking, Security, Photography, Connect, Hospitality, Worship, and Tech, Online Hosts, City Kids, and the Administration teams, and all the volunteers that are working hard to make Easter a great weekend.
- ***Sundays*** – As soon as you wake up, thank God that Jesus is risen and alive and pray for the Sunday gatherings. Pray that people will respond to the Gospel. Pray for salvation, life change, and for people to take their next steps in their journey with Jesus. Pray that, as you attend a weekend gathering, you will be able to engage with someone new to City United Church.

4 – Participate in a special time of prayer and Communion on **Palm Sunday weekend, March 26 and March 29.**

5 – Participate in a **24-Hour Fast** on Good Friday, April 3 (*from after dinner on Thursday, April 2 until dinner on Friday, April 3*).