central
united methodist church monroe

# EASTER

## RESURRECTION SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

10:00 A.M. COMBINED WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

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## EASTER SUNDAY
## 10:00 A.M. Combined Worship | Sanctuary

✝*Please rise in body or spirit* | Congregational responses are in **bold**.

### GATHERING MUSIC

*At this time, the black cloths will be removed from the altar. As its elements are brought forward in procession and restored to their proper places, we witness the dawn of eternal hope revealed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ this day.*

*Easter Joy* arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter
*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* arr. Christina Harmon
*Thine Is the Glory* arr. Stephen Walters

**PRELUDE** *Lift High the Cross* arr. Joel Raney

### PEALING OF THE BELLS

✝**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH 302

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✝CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

**Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead, give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ our risen Savior. Amen.**

✝**CHORAL RESPONSE** *He Lives* UMH 310, VERSE 1

✝**HYMN OF PRAISE** *The Day of Resurrection* UMH 303, *interlude each verse*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

**ANTHEM OF PRAISE** arr. Steven Strite

*Resurrection Hymn (See What A Morning)*

**PRAYER HYMN** *Agnus Dei* Michael W. Smith

**Alleluia, Alleluia**
**For the Lord God Almighty reigns**
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**Alleluia**

**Holy, Holy Are You Lord God, Almighty**
**Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb**
**You are Holy, Holy Are You Lord God,**
**Almighty Worthy is the Lamb,**
**Worthy is the Lamb, Amen**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE 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 the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** L.V. Beethoven/arr. H. Hopson

*Hallelujah from "Christ on the Mount of Olives"*

✝**DOXOLOGY** *Easter Doxology* *With "Allelulia"* | UMH 94

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✝**HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Because He Lives* UMH 364

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSVUE)

**SERMON** "Go Quickly and Tell"

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** Adapted Table 2

***THE INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON***

The table of the Lord is open to all who love him. Let us repent of our sins and seek to live in peace with one another.

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not followed your call to live fully as your disciples. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bless us with renewed faithfulness to live as true servants of Jesus. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, Christ loves you and forgives you!

**Christ loves you and forgives you! Glory to God. Amen!**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

As we lift our hearts to the Lord, we remember that it is a right, good, and joyful thing to always give our hearts to you, our Creator. You formed us in your image and called us to be your people. When humanity failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from slavery to sin and death by the passion and resurrection of Jesus. You made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he blessed bread and cup with thanksgiving to you. He instructed his disciples to eat and drink in remembrance of his broken body, and the blood poured out for forgiveness. Doing so, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his Heavenly banquet.

**Amen.**

*THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP*

## MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

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| *Resurrection Communion Selections* | arr. N. Clements |
| *All Hail King Jesus* | Riddle/Jackson |
| *Yes He Lives* | Hobbs/Pappas |

## ✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION — UMH 327

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

## ✝ BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE — *Toccata in G Major* — Théodore Dubois

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Bill White, Jr. | *Senior Pastor*
Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*
Festival Choir
801Praise!
Central Ringers
Nathan Clements | *Organist & Director*
Dr. Stephanie Lawrence-White | *Pianist*
Ed Mills | *Trumpeter*
Abril Ruiz-Lopez | *Violinist*
Luna Martinez | *Timpanist*
Ushers: Hank Baucom and Jack Hargett
Greeters: James Clements and David English
Communion Stewards: Emily Dilworth, Libby Gordon, Harrison and Wanda Hinson
Central Youth

**Easter Sunday Worship** April 5, 2026

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## Sunday Mornings

9:00 A.M. · Sunday School

10:00 A.M. · Blended Modern and Traditional Worship Service | Sanctuary

Stream online at ***centralumcmonroe.org/media***

## Tuesday Evenings

6:00 P.M. · Dinner Church | FLC

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Welcome to Central United Methodist Church in Monroe, NC, where we believe in a holistic approach to ministry. We address the needs of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. We have numerous ministries and programs that enable us to effectively serve God, our community, and each other.

Come and experience our vibrant and meaningful worship, where faith is formed and reformed and connections are strengthened through fellowship.

We hope that you will live out your call to Christian Discipleship by uniting with Central UMC, share your spiritual gifts and talents, and be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours In Christ,
**Dr. Bill White, Jr.**
*"Dr. Bill"*
Senior Pastor

## Our Staff

Dr. Bill White, Jr. - *Senior Pastor*
Rev. JD Moffett - *Associate Pastor*
Julie Miles - *Director of Youth Ministries*
Erica Kirby - *Director of Children's & Weekday Ministries*
Debbie Eggleston - *Business Administrator*
Jessica Parker - *Administrative Assistant*
Sylvia Jenkins - *Custodian*

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## Upcoming Opportunities

**NEXT SUNDAY!**

Sunday School
9:00 A.M.

Blended Modern and Traditional Worship Service
10:00 A.M. | Sanctuary

**Apr. 6** Office Closed - Observance of Easter Monday

**Apr. 7** Lessie Ann Circle, 10 A.M.

**Apr. 9** Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.
Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M.
Central Friends, 12 P.M.

**Apr. 10** UWF Executive Meeting, 2 P.M.

**Apr. 12** Sunday School, 9 A.M.
Blended Modern and Traditional Worship Service, 10 A.M.
Youth Group, 3 P.M.

**Apr. 13** SPRC Meeting, 6 P.M.

**Apr. 15** Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.
801 Praise! Rehearsal, 6:20 P.M.
Central Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.

**Apr. 16** Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.
Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M.
Birthday Club, 11:30 A.M.

**Apr. 17** Stephen Ministers, 9:30 A.M.

**Apr. 18** Central Squares, 8 A.M.

**For more details about Central's Upcoming Opportunities and to view the full Central Link, visit *centralumcmonroe.org/news* OR visit the NEWS icon on the Central App home page!**

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# Easter Lily Dedications 2026

## *In Memory*

Robert E. Hord, Sr. by John and Mary Ann Burns
Our Parents by Matt and Nancy Gustafson
Douglas and Carrie Mackay and Bill and Katherine Angermann by Jeanne Mackay
Beth Abbott by The Lessie Ann Circle
Frank Helms by Libby Helms
Bill Deskins and Barbara Funderburk by Sandy Deskins
Buck and Lydia Herndon, Tommy and Gary Herndon, and DW and Donna Eggleston by Debbie Eggleston
Shelby Ford by Gayle Ford
I.B. and Dorothy Shive by Dan Shive
Bill Capps by Diane Capps
John Lundin and Ken Brown, Sr. by Liv, Ken, and Kenny Brown
Phil Hargett, Sr. and Elizabeth and Sam Hinton by Beth Hargett
Sally Kohler and Tripp Kohler by Bill Kohler
John Apple, John Black, and Jack Runion by Philip, Susan, Taylor, and Owen Apple

## *In Honor*

Elizabeth B. Miller and Earl Miller by John and Mary Ann Burns
Central's Church Staff by Rose Ann Mull
Rose Ann Mull and Ruth Wall by Debbie Eggleston
Karen Ford by Gayle Ford
My Children, Grandchildren, and Families by Beth Hargett
Sylvia and David Jenkins, Frances Hunley, and John and Mary Ann Burns by Irene Ward
Doris English by David English

**If you purchased a lily to take home, please collect it after the Easter Service.**