

# Service for the Lord's Day

Worthington Presbyterian Church



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## Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

## Worship Team

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves  
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Kim Anderson, Organist

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## Serving Us Today

**Ushers: (9AM) Team A –**  
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Bevan, Bob Clouse, Diana  
Clouse, Harry Pukay-  
Martin, Curtis & Ellen  
Payne, Mark & Betsy Seniff.

**(11AM) Team D –** Bob  
Harrington, Doug Fell,  
captains; Steve Burk, Brent  
Mulgrew, Linda Irwin-Soiu,  
Mike & Debbie Murphy, Bill  
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**Video:** Bill Yost

**Carillon:** Debb Wilson

*In Christ's love, we...*

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## Welcome

Welcome to Worthington Presbyterian Church. This congregation has worshiped together in the Worthington community since 1805. We welcome all who seek faith, hope, and joy.

Visiting for the first time today? After the services, join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation. An Easter Egg Hunt will take place after the 11AM service.

## Children & Youth

Nursery care for children age 3 and under is available downstairs in the Nursery located outside Fellowship Hall. Sunday School is on recess today. Children will worship with their families. Please ask an usher if you need a worship activity bag for your child.

## Accessibility

Accessible features of the building include:

- Handicap parking near east and west entrances
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- Elevator access
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*If you would like a large print bulletin and/or a hearing device, please see an usher.*

## Prayer Requests

Please write prayer requests on the pew prayer cards and place them in the offering plate.

## Contact Us

Mon - Thurs: 8AM – 4PM; Fri: 8AM – 2PM

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Worthington Presbyterian Church  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
**Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 5, 2026**

**9:00 & 11:00AM**

*Welcome! To join the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, come forward during the last hymn, take music from the pedestals, and join the choir on the chancel.*

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

*\* Please stand*

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| "The Strife Is O'er"                | Edward Broughton |
| "The Triumph of Our King"           | Lani Smith       |
| Easter Prelude on "Victory"         | Dennis Eliot     |
| "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" | Don Wyrzten      |
| "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"       | Joseph Barnby    |
| Kim Anderson, organist              |                  |

### **WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

\* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC**

"Easter Canticle"

John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble  
Russell Nagy, Director

*The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.*

The same! The same! Jesus Christ!  
Yesterday and today and tomorrow,  
yesterday to the end of all time!  
He was crucified, but He rose victorious;  
He rose again in triumph glorious  
To sit at the right hand of God the Father.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The same! The same! Jesus Christ!  
Yesterday and today and tomorrow, Christ  
is King and has banished our sorrow,  
Yesterday and today and tomorrow,  
the same!

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

One: The world is made new!

All: **The stone is rolled away!**

One: We live with hope, for Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Let us worship God!**

\* **HYMN # 232**            “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of resurrection, you call us by name, but we do not always hear. You open the grave, but we are trapped by fear. You offer joy, but we cling to sorrow. Forgive us. Raise us to new life. Help us to trust the miracle and walk in your light. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

\* Congregational Response

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria

*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.*

## **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

### **MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES**

Pastor Tom

*After the Message for our Youngest Disciples, children will return to their seats to worship with their families. There is no Sunday School today.*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Kristan Finn (9AM); Susan Boisvert (11AM)

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 118:21-29

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

**“He Shall Reign”**  
The Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

He shall reign and reign forever, Christ our Savior, brother, friend:  
Everlasting is his kingdom, his dominion hath no end.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah! Glory, glory to his name!  
Countless myriads shall adore him,  
Endless years his work proclaim.*

He shall reign and reign forever, all the world his praise shall sing.  
And the regions now in darkness shall to him their homage bring.

Soon will dawn a glorious morrow; soon will come the promised day,  
When from ev’ry tribe and kindred shall be heard the joyful lay.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:1-18

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know

where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

**SERMON**

“Risen Lord and Stranger”

Pastor Matt

\* **HYMN #248**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Offertory

“Christ Whose Glory Fills The Sky”

Rex Koury

\* Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures, here below.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please remain seated to be served communion in your row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, wine is white.*

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



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