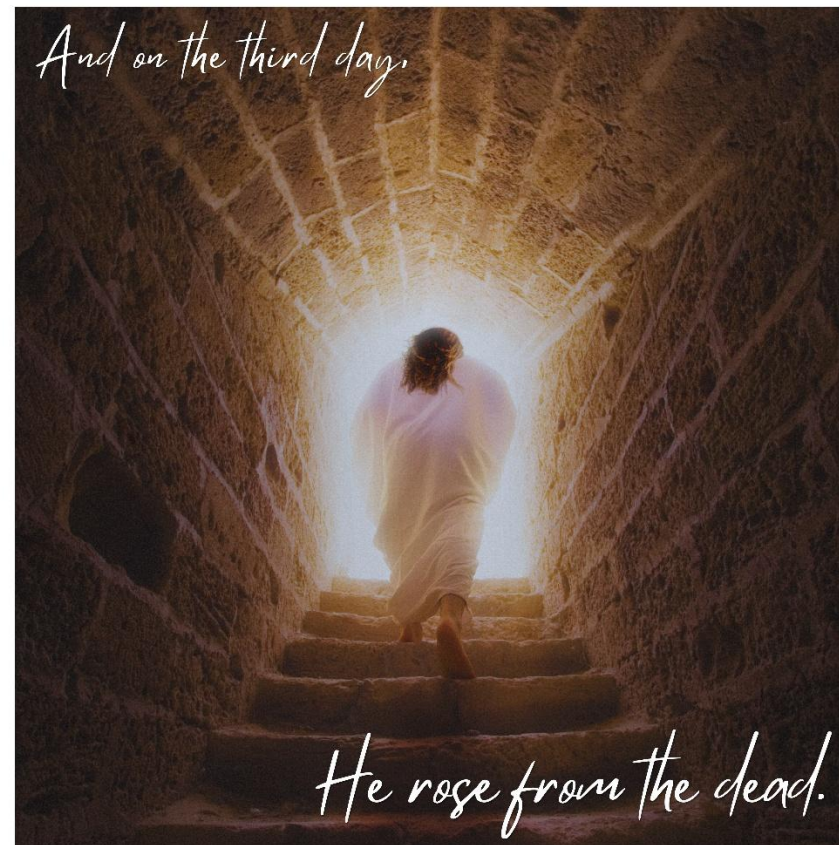


Join us for an Easter Church Family Breakfast at  
10:00 AM in the Family Life Center.



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**Easter Sunday • April 5, 2026 • 7am**

*Easter Sunrise Service*  
*April 5, 2026 ~ 7:00 AM*

Call to Worship

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

**People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

Leader: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

**People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

Leader: God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

**People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

Leader: Easter People, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

Opening Hymn

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

Easter Prayer

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18

Homily

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Confession and Pardon

**Risen Lord, On this joyful morning of Easter Sunday, we come with songs of alleluia on our lips – and yet we confess that our lives do not always reflect the resurrection we proclaim.**

**We confess that too often we live as though the tomb is still sealed. We hold on to fear instead of embracing your promise. We cling to despair instead of trusting your hope. We return to old habits, old wounds, old ways of thinking, forgetting that in Christ, all things are being made new.**

**We confess that we have not always been resurrection people. We have passed by opportunities to share your love. We have remained silent when we could have spoken peace. We have chosen comfort over courage, and familiarity over transformation.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Roll away the stones that still block our hearts. Call us again by name, as you did in the garden. Lift us out of all that binds us, and set us free to live as people of the resurrection.**

**By your grace, renew us. By your mercy, restore us. By your Spirit, lead us into new life – so that we may be witnesses to your love, bearers of your hope, and reflections of your risen glory.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

...glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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.**

Closing Hymn

*He Lives*

*Minister: Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan; Music: Matthew Chesnutt;*

*Communion Server: Cathy Neeley*