

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

10:45am

† People May Stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chimes

Prelude

Dr. Jesse Gray

Welcome

Deacon Mala Ramkelawan

† Call to Worship

The Lord is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Opening Hymn 123 (Blue Hymnal) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" *Easter Hymn*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us a sure sign of your power that tramples down sin and death and restores us to a right relationship with you and with one another. We confess that we remain skeptical. We fail to see how you are making all things new. We fail to participate in your work. We do not love as Christ loved nor serve as Christ served. In your mercy, forgive our lack of faith and imagination. Have mercy on us. Open our hearts and minds to receive the good news of Easter. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

(A moment for silent prayer follows)

Response 471 (*Glory to God*) verse 1

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Assurance of Pardon

† Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Exchange signs of peace with each other.

† Response 579 (Blue Hymnal)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Gloria Patri

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

The Children's Message

The Rev. Dr. Ruth L. Boling

Special Music

"Alleluia"

The Glockenspiel Kids

vs. 1: Alleluia

vs. 2: He's our Savior

vs. 3: We will praise him

Prayer for Illumination

God of Easter, who overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity, send now your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the holy scriptures. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Luke 1:68-79

pew Bible page 889

John 20:1-18

pew Bible pages 944-945

Chapel Choir Anthem

"Alive!"

arr. Dennis Allen

Meditation

"Mary's Prayer of Promise and Fulfillment"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **Affirmation of Faith** (*The Apostles' Creed, page 14 in the Blue Hymnal*)

† **Hymn of Response** (see insert) "He Lives"

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns of the Church

† **Communion Hymn 511** (*Glory to God Hymnal*)
"Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven"

Llanfair

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

..... who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Sanctus

Argentine Santo

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart pours out my praise to you. You are holy, Lord!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

As a sign of our unity in Christ, worshipers are asked to hold the bread until all have been served.

As a sign of our individuality before God, worshipers are invited to partake of the cup as it is served.

Prayer after Communion

The Offering of our Lives

Offertory "The Old Rugged Cross"
Jesse Gray with Jeremy Ahn, pianist

† **Response 460** (Blue) "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" *Doxology*

Offertory Prayer

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

† **Sending Hymn** (see insert) "Christ Arose"

Benediction

Choral Amen The Glockenspiel Kids

Postlude