

Welcome to Church of Christ - April 12, 2026
The Second Sunday of Easter

We are honored to worship God with you today!

Welcome

Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!

Prelude *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* - G.F. Handel, arr. S. Michell-Wallace and J. Head
Sarah Allyn, trumpet

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 133, The Message) ~Ruth Adotte

Leader How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along!

People: **Unity is our genesis and our destiny, O God!**

Leader: Your harmony is like a rich blessing, covering all.

People: **May we feel anointed, called, challenged by this holy vision of oneness.**

Leader: Your peace is truly a river, a stream of healing grace bringing new life..

People: **Sustain us, O God, and carry us forward with your nurturing love.**

Leader: Between an empty tomb and glory everlasting, Lord, here we are.

People: **For eternal love beyond this life and through it all, we give you thanks!**

Hymn 298 *The Day of Resurrection* (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Vs 2 Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "all hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Vs 3 Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin! The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

Guided Meditation and Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)

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 (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (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.

Scripture John 20:19-31

~Ruth Adotte

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon "Curiosity and Belief"

Light of Service *Great Mountain Forest* ~Star Childs

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

Offertory *This Joyful Eastertide* - arr. Parker and Shaw

Doxology (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 310 *Thine is the Glory*

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where the body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Vs 2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth: death has lost its sting. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Vs 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Our Common Commission

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns* - G. Elvey, arr. S. Michell-Wallace and J. Head
Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

We gladly list these prayer concerns and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).

Members needing our prayers:

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Hope Childs, Linda Creedon, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Ann Thew, John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim, Susannah, Katie B., Chris, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Ray Beyers & Misty Carbone, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), Nancy Foster (Olsen family friend), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Deryl, D'Ari, Amaya, Linden Godshall (Liz Allyn), Yael Channah Greene (Olsen family friend), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Matthew and Allan Marrero (Michael McDermott's friend), Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family, Nash Pradhan,

Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Mark Scarbrough (Elizabeth Norman), Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Karen Stark (Debbie Storrs), Ryan Sterba, Wendy DeRoode (Liz Allyn), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Chris Williams (friend of Bethany Lee), Keegan Zygmunt

Those who are grieving.

the families of:

Denis Combes, Ernest Dibble, Jimmy Dietlin, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, Remington McCaw, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Bill Patrick, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie

In the wider community

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, and all enduring ongoing violence, The people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, Great Mountain Forest