

Easter Day



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April 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.

“Resurrection”

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

*The Journey Begins with Palm Sunday

Pastor Rick

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(Mark 11:7-10)

*Palm Sunday Hymn - **FIRST** verse only

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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*The Journey Continues Through Good Friday

Lydia Whitacre

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the Temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

(Luke 23:44-46)

*Good Friday/Passion Hymn – **SECOND** verse only

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

#190

*The Promises of Resurrection are fulfilled

Pastor Rick

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised! He is not here! Look, there is the place they laid him.”

(Mark 16:2,5-6)

*Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Easter Praise Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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*Call to Worship

Lydia Whitacre

Christ the Lord is Risen today!
The tomb is empty, our grief relieved!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

As the beloved disciple Mary received the message of Salvation,
We receive your message, as well. Christ is Risen!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

The women at the tomb were awestruck and faith-filled.
Believing God's message from the angel,
They went to Galilee to proclaim the Resurrection!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Let us do likewise, proclaiming the Resurrection for all to hear.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

*Opening Prayer

Lydia Whitacre

God of joy; Your triumph over the grave gives us hope for our own personal triumphs over the things that bind us. Forgive us for the times we let the crucifixion events in our lives overpower us and cause us to lose our joy. Continue to challenge us to take the Resurrection story into our lives and live its truths in our own faith journey; that we may always be Your joyful servants, loving the world as You first loved us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Prayer Response

“Halle-Halle-Halleluja”

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!

Hallelujah! Halle-lu-ja!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
(Sung as children return to their seats)

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

- Anthem “Ring, Glory, Laud, and Honor” Chapel Ringers
Arr. Lloyd Larson
- Gospel Lesson Luke 24:1-12 Lydia Whitacre
Several women come to the tomb to prepare Jesus’ body for the Jewish ritual of burial. When they do, they find the body gone, and heavenly messengers telling them that Jesus was risen. They told this to the other disciples, and they were amazed. (page #860)
- Anthem “Risen Indeed!” Celebration Singers
Arr. Allen Pote
- Easter Homily “Resurrection Joy” Pastor Rick
- *Hymn “Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven” #243
- *Invitation to Communion
Throughout his ministry, Jesus was one who reached across human borders and boundaries, seeing in everyone a common heritage as a child of God. In like manner, all are welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey.
- Communion Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer; Invocation
- Blessing the Children “I Come With Joy” #349
In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special Easter blessing.
- Institution; Fraction; Distribution
You will be invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive Altar Communion from the Communion Stewards.
- Communion Music “You Alone” Steve Jannetti
Arr. Hart / Liles
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Rick
Thank You, God, for renewing us at Your table. Thank You for the Bread of Life that sustains us all, and for the cup of blessing, promising New Life and Resurrection. May we continue to love You by testifying to others and proclaiming our faith fearlessly, as the women did at the tomb that day. Make our whole lives faithful to Your ministry, shown to us through Jesus Christ, and may our lives embody the Resurrection promises given to us this day in Your sacred meal.

*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Casey Wood)*

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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Mission Moment "Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary" Llona Weiss

Offertory "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Steve Jannetti
Arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

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*Prayer of Dedication Lydia Whitacre

God of all good gifts, we give thanks for all our blessings. Today we offer our gifts to You, that the Good News of Your Resurrection and Your promises may be shared with all to the ends of the earth. Take our gifts and use them to Your will. Amen.

*Benediction

*Response "Let There be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

*Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary" Steve Jannetti
Arr. John Stanley

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

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NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

AHL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

We will be honoring the hard work of our Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary teachers during teacher appreciation week! Between now and May 4, please fill up the shopping cart in the Gathering Area with goodies for our teachers.

FOOD BANK FUN 4/22

Our next work day at the Food Bank is April 22 at 5:30 p.m. Many hands make the workload more fun! To sign up talk to Mahree Skala or use the link that is in the Friday email.

AHL CARNIVAL 4/25

The Alpha Hart Lewis School Carnival is April 25, and CUCC has volunteered to staff the booths so that parents and teachers can enjoy the carnival with their children. If you would like to help, contact Llona Weiss or use the link that was in the Friday email.

QUORUS IN CONCERT 4/27

Join “Landlocked Opera” and The Quorus for an intimate evening of choral music and solos at the beautiful Firestone Baar Chapel on Stephens College Campus; April 27 at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event go to support the missions of Landlocked Opera and The Quorus. Come support Quorus at Stephens College!

TEAM EARTH LUNCH AND LEARN 5/4

Our next Team Earth Lunch and Learn will be Sunday, 5/4 at noon! Our speaker will be talking about importance of water, how climate change is affecting it, concerns with diminishing the safety regulations regarding safe drinking water, changes regarding wastewater, etc.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	4/20	<i>Easter</i>	
		Sunrise Service at the Shelter House	6:30 a.m.
		Breakfast by Men’s Fellowship	7:30-9:00 a.m.
		Easter Egg Hunt and Games	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	4/21	Loaves & Fishes	4:30 p.m.
		Scouting America	7:00 p.m.
Tue	4/22	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Food Bank	5:30 p.m.
Wed	4/23	Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Fri	4/25	Alpha Hart Lewis Carnival	5:30 p.m.
Sun	4/27	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Quorus Concert	7:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Sharon Elliott... on hospice

The family of Cheryl Cobb... on their loss (Carole Barner's sister)

Eloy Montenegro... mourning the loss of his mother

Jerry Kiesling... mourning the loss of his uncle

Walter Schroeder... health issues, hospitalized this week

Barry Kirchhoff... health issues; more treatments this week

Joan Grout... health issues (Sue Ann Schaefer's cousin)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

The people of Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine

Health Issues:

Lloyd Mickelson, Lauren Helmreich

Mark Fairley & Connie Hackman Fairley

Kristan Whelihan (Russell Eveler's teacher)

Ann Wilke (Alethea's mother)

Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece), Jennifer (Edie Diel's niece),

Julia Marsh (Donna Marsh's Daughter), Joanne Good (Sue Beckman's friend),

Marilyn Coronado (Corinne Remeika's friend)

Challenges in Life:

Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Living in Care Facilities:

Gary Ehrhardt, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves, Sharon Elliott, Harold Hackman

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Don Privitt, Alice Moon

Serving us in the military:

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden

Did you know we have a Prayer Team here at CUCC, lifting up the prayer concerns of our congregation? If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up please contact

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line,
 3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
 (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
 Melchior Teschner, 1615
 For another setting, see 217

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Isa. 32:2; Gal. 6:14**Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; alt.*

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus with - in my mind I see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of Christ's face;

A home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my griev - ing heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess—
 Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day,
 the won - ders of Christ's glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Elizabeth Clephane was known during her short lifetime for her charitable work in her hometown of Melrose, Scotland. After her death, this hymn was compiled from several stanzas of a longer poem that had appeared in a popular Scottish religious magazine.

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6.

Frederick C. Maker, 1881

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57**Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.*


1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic-tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!


Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.


Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven


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*Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.**Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise;
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav - en - ly grace,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
 Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;



Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
 That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;



But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!
 Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
 And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Christopher Wordsworth, gifted nephew of poet William Wordsworth, served the Church of England successively as canon at Westminster, parish priest in Berkshire, and, finally, bishop of Lincoln. This Easter hymn is one of his most enduring.

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Tochter Zion, Cologne, 1741
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

I Come with Joy

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

Unison

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will

free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

One of Brian Wren's most widely published texts, this hymn was originally written to "sum up a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. It tries to use simple words to suggest important theological themes."

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Arr. Austin Lovelace, 1977

Mark 11:7-10

7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Luke 23:44-46

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,

45 while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

Mark 16:2,5-6

2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

6 But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

Luke 24:1-12

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.

2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body.

4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,

7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” 8 Then they remembered his words,

9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Easter Lilies that decorate our Sanctuary this morning have been donated in memory of...

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