



April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations;

extol him, all you peoples.

For great is his love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord.

Prelude

Chorale “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” from the Cantata *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben* BWV 147

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

IPC Choir

Jesse Cook, Trumpet

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Introit

Litany for Easter

Music: Gordon Young

IPC Choir

***Call to Worship – (based on 1 Peter 1:3-5)**

Johan Blesson

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

***Hymn of Praise – #123 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: God our Heavenly Father, by your Son’s resurrection, you transformed death into life; loss into gain; suffering into joy.

People: Forgive us, your precious creations, for not noticing; for not caring; for not believing. Through your Holy Spirit, give us faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Leader: When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

People: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

Leader: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

People: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Leader: For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

People: And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

***Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Song

"Hallelu! He Lives!"

Words and music by Ruth Elaine Schram

Children's Choir
Christine Weeks, Director
Janet Deden, Piano

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Choral Prayer of Illumination

"Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule"

Music: Henry Lawes

IPC Choir

Old Testament Reading – Job 19:23-27 (p. 523)

Johan Blesson

New Testament Reading – Matthew 28:1-10 (p. 1000)

Sermon – "Easter Reactions and Responses"

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Hymn of Response – #118 "The Day of Resurrection"**

PROFESSING WHAT WE BELIEVE

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

Words of Institution

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament saying:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

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.

The Bread and the Cup

The music below will accompany the distribution of the elements.

“Eat This Bread” (Taizé)

Music: Jacques Berthier

IPC Choir

Psalm 19 "I cieli immensi narrano" (The heavens declare the glory of God)
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from *Estro poetico armonico*

Music: Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Arrangement: Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John H. Head

Jesse Cook, Trumpet

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Toccatà in D Major *Allegro*

Music: Giovanni Battista Martini (1706-1784)

Jesse Cook, Trumpet

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Maio Chen, Council Chair

Offertory

“Easter Song”

Music & Words: Anne Herring

IPC Choir & Congregation

The congregation is invited to sing the second time through (see insert).

***Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcome of Visitors

Maio Chen

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication** – “Christ Arose” (*see insert*)

***Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Choral Benediction**

“Amen”

Music: Danish

***Postlude**

“Hallelujah” from the *The Messiah* HWV 56

Music: Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)

IPC Choir & Congregation

Jesse Cook, Trumpet

Ruth Pfister, Organ

The congregation is invited to sing along (see insert).

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today’s bulletin artwork is by Zaara Cherukara.



“Les trois femmes au tombeau du Christ” (1843)
(The Three Women at the Tomb of Christ)
Anne Pierrette Marie Martin