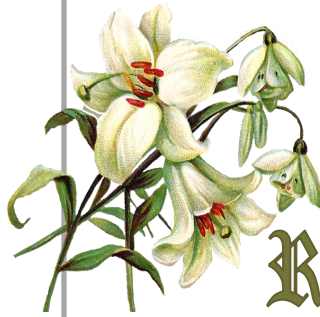


April 5, 2026



# Easter Sunday Resurrection of our Lord

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

#### PRELUDE

“Christ is Alive”  
Diane Combs, organ

arr. Jason Payne

### \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive

Rev. Dr. Curtis Fussell

Leader: Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life.”

**People: All who believe in Jesus Christ, even though they die, will live.**

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty.

**People: Jesus Christ has overcome the darkness**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

**People: Jesus Christ has overcome death**

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

**People: Jesus Christ is risen! Let us worship our Risen Savior.**

### \*\*OPENING HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” #232

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### \*\*PRAYER OF ADORATION, in unison

Our gracious God, you rolled away the stone and raised Jesus up from death. Christ Jesus now lives among us transforming our broken lives. As people of the risen Christ, you call us to be a blessing to those around us; a people who live in hope and assurance that you conquered death. Being people of the risen Christ, we live in the promise that our lives are renewed today and into the future. We, the living people of the risen Christ, can share, heal and forgive, we can practice peace with ourselves and others; and we can live in hope that we dwell with you now and forever more.

- A moment for silent adoration - Amen.



### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION, in unison

Gracious God, we confess that we forget the joy and hope of Jesus' resurrection. We get caught up in our worries. We confess that we do not always live in your Spirit of new life. We remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us when we find it more urgent to worry and complain than to risk the joy and hope of new life in Jesus Christ. Call us back to live in the hope and the promise of the resurrection of Jesus. Amen.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ was raised for us. Christ reigns with God in power for us. Christ prays for us.

**People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Friends, in Jesus Christ, God has forgiven us. Thanks be to God!**

### \*\*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

### — SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM —

Leonardo Andrew Fowler, born August 8, 2025  
to Andrew and Brenda Fowler.

His grandparents are Deborah Malphrus and James McEniry.

Words of Scripture and Congregation's Affirmation of Baptism  
Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Peter 2:9, Acts 2:39

Leader: Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called.



**People: In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.**

: Questions to the Parents :

: Questions to the Congregation :

:THE BAPTISM:

\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, based on the Brief Statement of Faith and the Heidelberg Catechism, *In unison*:

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal. Through Jesus' resurrection, he has overcome death so we may share in his life revealed in his compassion for all people. So, we too are now raised by his power to a new life and as a sure pledge to us of our own hope for resurrection on the last day.

### \*\*PASSING THE PEACE

And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,  
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to  
love and forgive one another.

### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

#### ANTHEM

“A Triumphant Alleluia”

arr. Joseph Marti

— Sanctuary Choir Laurel Lown, trumpet—

#### SCRIPTURE SERMON

John 20:1-18

Sherry Blount

“An Astonishing Morning”

Rev. Dr. Curtis Fussell

### — PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE —

### 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 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.

### HYMN, seated “In Christ Alone”

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm,  
what heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all —  
here in the love of Christ I stand.





2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for every sin on Him was laid –  
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death –  
this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till he returns or calls me home –  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

:: HOLY COMMUNION ::

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Beautiful Hands, Beautiful Feet" Stacy Bearden  
Madelyn Walker, soloist

\*\*DOXOLOGY

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

\*\*CLOSING HYMN "Thine Is The Glory" #238

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 grave cloths where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.



2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph.

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught 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. [Refrain]

\*\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Leader: Depart now in the peace of God's love in  
Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Hold fast to God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of God's grace.

People: The blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be  
with us now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Festive Postlude on "Llanfair" Mary McDonald  
Diane Combs

\*\* If able, please stand for these portions of the service.



*Special thanks to:*

*Rev. Dr. Curtis Fussell  
Madelyn Walker, soloist  
Laurel Lown, trumpet*

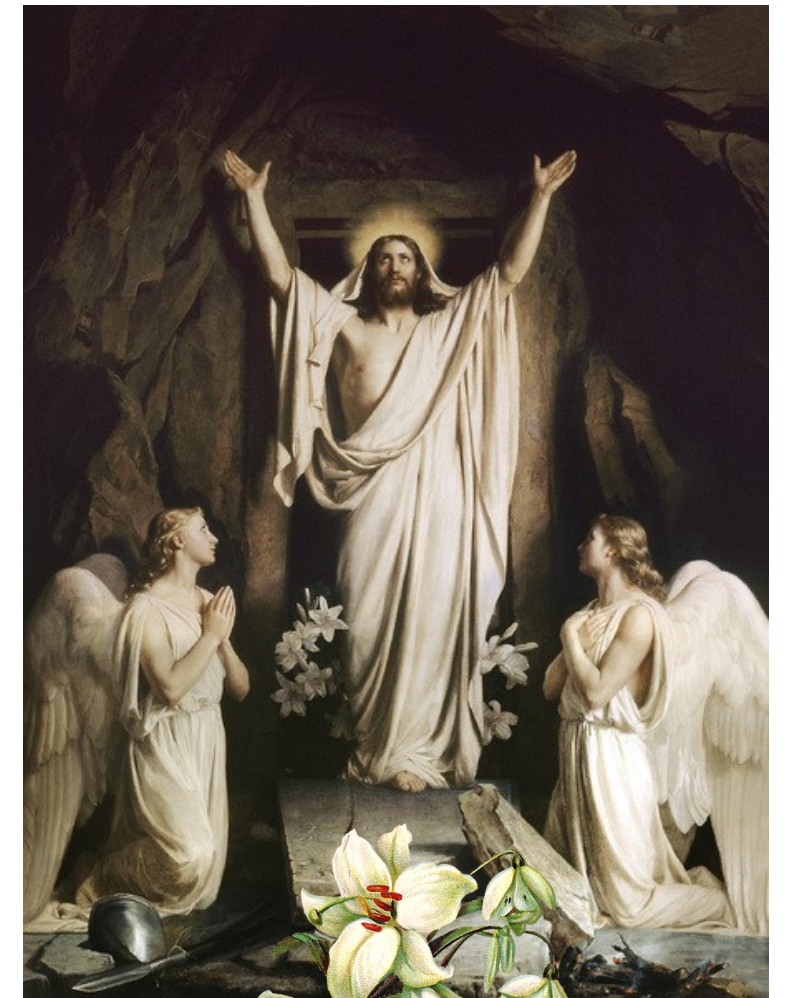
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