

Union Congregational United Church of Christ



At Union, we are all the body of Christ together:
Through our voices, Christ is still speaking
Through our hands, Christ is still serving
Through our hearts, Christ is still loving



April 5, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. You can access the loop by activating the T-coil in your hearing aid. If you do not have a T-coil, you can request a portable receiver from an usher.



Serving Christ . . . Loving Each . . . Affirming All

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

George Elvey
arr. Lloyd Larson

With music and silence, we begin worship, praying quietly and opening our hearts to God.

THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome! Announcements, Joys and Concerns.

PRAISING OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L. This is the day

P. **When tears are wiped away, shattered hearts are mended, and fears are replaced with joy.**

L. This is the day

P. **When the Lord rolls away the stone of fear, throws off death’s clothes, and leads us into God’s future.**

L. This is the day the Lord has made

P. **Death has no fear for us, sin has lost its power over us, for God has opened the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**

L. Christ is risen!

P. **Christ is risen indeed, ALLELUIA!**

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L. If, at times, we deny you:

P. **God forgive.**

L. If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high, we are nowhere to be found:

P. **God forgive.**

L. If, at times, we wash our hands of responsibility:

P. **God forgive.**

L. If, at times, we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver:

P. **God forgive.**

L. If, at times, fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

P. **God forgive.**

All. **In the bright light of Easter morning, we are bold to come before you and ask you to forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish ways so that with joy we may witness to your amazing deeds in Jesus the Risen One. Amen.**

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

(Please turn and offer a sign of Christ's peace to one another.)

* HYMN:

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

(please see page 4)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 36:24-28

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps and bring their offering.

Following Children's Moments, all children are welcome to remain in worship.

Additionally, parents are welcome to accompany their children to our "playground" in the south transept to play and pray quietly or to drop them off downstairs to play in the nursery.

Activity bags with crayons, etc. are available from an usher.

CHORAL ANTHEM:

"Alleluia, Praise the Risen King"

Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

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THE SERMON:

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HYMN:

"Sing With All the Saints in Glory"

HYMN TO JOY

(please see page 5)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join us in praying the Lord's Prayer in these words or a translation meaningful to you.
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.

THE OFFERING

Offertory:

"An Easter Celebration"

Joel Raney

*Praise Response

"We Come With Gifts"

ELLACOMBE

text by Amanda Udis-Kessler

*Oh, grant that we may come to know each gift we have to give,
To cul-ti-vate them grate-ful-ly to help each o-ther live
and may the gifts that o-thers bring be wel-comed and em-braced
to make this fear-ful, ang-ry world a just and joy-ful place.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Thank you God who, beyond our fathoming, promises that Love never dies.

O, death, where is thy victory? O grave, where is thy sting?

Thank you for pouring out your spirit upon your people. May these gifts we offer, and all of the ways we live our faith, rebuild shattered hopes and bind up the hurts of the world. May all who seek your healing love and redeeming grace find hope in the risen Christ. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 253:

"Yours Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

(please see page 6)

The New Century Hymnal

* POSTLUDE:

"Fanfare and Flourishes"

James Curnow

Thanks to **Franklin Beyer, Haley Steele**, the **Chancel Choir** and the **Brass Quintet** for our music this morning; and to **Kathy Baldwin** for working with the Easter flowers.

Thanks also to our reader, **Michael Lukens**.

Brass Quintet:

Adam Gaines, trumpet; **Jamie Waroff**, trumpet; **Phil Klickman**, horn;

Kenneth Johnson, trombone; **Tim Kozlovsky**, tuba.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Earth and heaven in cho-rus say, Al-le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth re-ply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fought the fight, the bat-tle won, Al-le-lu-ia!
Death in vain for-bids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ has o-pened par-a-dise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Lives a-gain our glo-rious King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al-le-lu-ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where's thy vic-tory, boasting grave? Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fol-lowing our ex-alt-ed Head, Al-le-lu-ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al-le-lu-ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

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Sing with All the Saints in Glory



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
 4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,
 once was dead; Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!
 joy un - known, When, a - midst earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! O to en - ter



clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease;
 Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits;
 dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n,
 that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment,



In God's like - ness, we a - wak - en, Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 Proph - ets, psalm - ists, seers, and sag - es, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
 Know, with you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

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Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS
5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with refrain
G. F. Handel, 1751

A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!

(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904 Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for
3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives

you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a -
noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and

way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

Refrain

Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

Easter Flowers



John Potter and John Kershek

In memory of Ginny Potter and Jackie Kershek.

Heather Collins

In loving memory of Mike Collins and Fred and Betty Blue.

Barbara McClure-Lukens

In memory of my sister, Elizabeth (Liddy) McClure.

Clare Ryan

In memory of my son, Joseph William Ryan.

Anneliese Waggoner

In memory of Hayden Groy.

Betty Bienash

In memory of Jim Bienash and our parents.

Glen Verstegen and Larry Heath

In gratitude to those who volunteer within our church family.

Rev. Bridget, Scott and Josie Flad Daniels

In loving memory of our dads: Joe Flad, Craig Mitchell, and Ron Daniels.