

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Easter Day

April 5, 2026

Worship 10:30 AM

Gather

Prelude "As It Began to Dawn" Lani Smith

Prepare to Celebrate (Video) "Christ Has Won!"

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit "Alleluia" (*Renew*, #136) Jerry Sinclair

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Leader: The stone is rolled away. The women have seen him!

People: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Leader: The good news is spreading to all who will hear!

People: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Leader: Will you believe the news they share?

People: We believe in a risen Christ!

Leader: Will you walk in the way of Christ?

People: We will follow his path to goodness and righteousness!

Leader: Come and see! Come and hear! Come and worship for Christ is risen!

People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

****Hymn # 232** (vss. 1, 2, 4)

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!"

EASTER HYMN

Prepare

Call to Affirmation

Easter Candle Affirmation

Pastor: We give thanks for the light of hope—unrelenting and inexplicable.

People: Our hope in Christ shines on. (1st candle is lit)

Leader: We give thanks for the light of peace—strong and unafraid.

People: The peace of Christ lights our way. (2nd candle is lit)

Pastor: We give thanks for the light of joy—persistent and unpredictable.

People: The joy of Christ brightens our lives. (3rd candle is lit)

Leader: We give thanks for the light of love—warm and holy.

People: The love of Christ comforts and challenges. *(4th candle is lit)*

Pastor: We give thanks for the light that shines—in darkness and light.

People: The light of Christ overcomes the darkness. *(5th candle is lit)*

Leader: We give thanks that the brilliant light of hope has come—strong and bright.

People: The redemptive power of Christ lives and reigns! *(6th candle is lit)*

Pastor: Now we light the Christ candle as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

People: Hallelujah, because of God's Light death does not have the final word! *(Christ candle is lit)*

****Congregational Response** "Christ Arose!"

**Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

****Passing the Peace**

The peace of risen Christ be with you! . . . *And also with you.*

Listen

Children's Message

Special Music

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Beverly A. Howard

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 *NRSVUE*

Anthem

"Exult the Lord"

Hal Wright

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 16-20 *(NRSV)*

Sermon

"ARE WE THERE YET? Setting Out Again"

Respond

Hymn #246 (vss. 1 & 5)

"Christ Is Alive"

TRURO

Offering

****Easter Doxology** "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

**O Jesus, King of gentleness, do all our inmost hearts possess,
And we to you will ever raise, the tribute of our grateful praise.**

Church Committee Meetings and Activities This Week:

- Monday: 7:00 p.m. – Pastor Nominating Committee (Youth Rm.)
7:00 p.m. – Fellowship Committee (via Zoom)
- Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. – Evening Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast at JJ’s Café, 1712 N. Providence Rd.
7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal (choir room)
- Thursday: 3:30 p.m. – Loaves & Fishes (Ashley St. Center)
- Friday: 9:30 a.m. – Women’s Coffee Club at Love Coffee, 15 Bus. Loop 70E
1:30 p.m. – Mahjong Group (Fellowship Hall)