

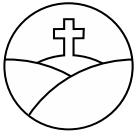


BECAUSE

I live,

YOU WILL LIVE TOO.

JOHN 14:19 (CEV)



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Robin Miller | Church Musician

Sunday, April 5, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Easter Sunday

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE Guest organist, Dan Schroeder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Death never gets the final word.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Rejoice in this day of salvation.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia

INVOCATION

***HYMN** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Gray, #234

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)**

Leader: If, at times, we deny you:

People: God forgive us.

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

People: God forgive us.

Leader: If, at times, we wash our hands of responsibility:

People: God forgive us.

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

People: God forgive us.

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

People: God forgive us.

Leader: In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is
exposed, but your grace is revealed.

All: Tender God, forgive us. Help us to leave behind our fear and our doubt, that we might live with joy in the name of Jesus the Risen One.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God has brought us new life. By God's great mercy, we are born anew to a living hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. All is made new. Christ is with us always.

Thanks be to God.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:34-43

ANTIPHONAL READING Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON "Do Not Be Afraid"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** *Christ Arose!* Gray, #235

APOSTLE'S CREED (Inside back cover of gray hymnal & screens)

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Pastor: We come now to this table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery.

All: Lord, make us ready!

Prayer of Praise and Blessing

Words of Institution

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty."

All: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said,

All: “Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Pastor: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

All: “Take drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ’s presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ among us. Through this holy bread . . .

All: We become one in the Body of Christ.

Pastor: Through this cup of blessing . . .

All: We receive the new life Christ gives.

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come.

When the usher comes to your row, those who wish to partake should come forward by the center aisle. The Pastor will place a piece of bread in the palm of your hand and then you may take a cup from the tray. Gluten free wafers are available. Grapes and crackers are available for children at the table to your left in front of the pulpit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *The Day of Resurrection* Gray, #247

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*

***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**



***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** *Halle, Halle, Halleluja*

Black #2026

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber, and family & friends of Gary Cook.

For Those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Caydan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman and Mark Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A memory book is being compiled for Ted.** If anyone would like to share a memory, a picture, or just wish Ted luck, forms are available on the table across from the door to the sanctuary.
- We are pleased to have **Dan Schroeder** as our guest organist today.
- There will be a **congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, April 12th.**

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2,2355

Offering collection from March 29, 2026: \$1,283

Current: \$1,217 Benevolent: \$6

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$55 Good Friday: \$5

Attendance on Sunday, March 29, 2026: 57



EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to all who have purchased flowers that are decorating the church for the Easter Holiday! You may take your flowers with you as you leave today!



Herb Berlin in Memory of Barbara Berlin, and in Honor of Richard & Ursula Berlin.

The Biddle Family in Memory of loved ones.

Bob Bishop in Memory of John & Hilda Bishop and Charlie Bishop.

Leslie & Pastor Ted Brelsford in Honor of the people of Faith UCC.

Sandy Jordan in Memory of Lenora & Kenneth Herschel.

Donna Lisowski in Memory of Mom, and in Honor of Dad.

Bruce & Kathy Lounsbury in Memory of loved ones, and in Honor of our children & grandchildren.

Ken & Carol Ottaway in Memory of our parents.

Tim & Darlene Plewik in Memory of Donald Rott.

Linda Smerka in Memory of loved ones, and in Honor of Justus Slighter, USAF.

The Thurnherr Family in Memory of our parents, and in Honor of Emily Thurnherr.

The Williams Family in Memory of our parents, and Honor of our children and grandchildren.