



EASTER SUNRISE

April 5, 2026

6:45 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day

People: The messenger shimmers light into our shadows and those who guard death are frozen in fear.

Pastor: This is the day the Lord

People: Awakens us with unexpected grace, and we ask the questions that have no answers.

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: The day when death is transformed into life, when love pushes aside fear.

Pastor: Let's rejoice and be glad in it.

People: We have considered all the facts and we still choose joy!

Pastor: Let us declare "He is risen!"

ALL: He is risen, indeed!

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

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!

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!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor: On this day we are mindful of the ways we have denied God's living presence in our lives. It is easier to accept shadows than it is to fight for life and light; simpler to embrace a predictable future rather than to live with mystery.

All: We admit that resurrection is not what we expect in our world. On the face of things, life seems to be under threat. Our earth is grieving, our families are fracturing, our nations are at war, and the light of our hope is growing dim. We need the stone to be rolled away again. Forgive us and all who have failed to honor life in all its diversity and glory. Forgive us and all who have allowed relationships to become less important than riches or recognition. Forgive us and all who continue to claim that our ways of life are better than those of others, and who are prepared to kill to prove it. We need life to break out within us again. We need love to consume us again. Resurrect us today, O Lord, and make us agents of your life.

Silence

Pastor: On this Easter, as on the first; on this day, as on every day; God claims us with grace and plants forgiveness and hope in our lives.

People: Alleluia! This is the good news! Christ is the peace we need, the peace which will heal the world. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

SONG

"He Came Down"No. 137
Glory to God

He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may have love
He came down that we may have love. Hallelujah forever more.

He came down that we may have light. He came down that we may have light
He came down that we may have light. Hallelujah forever more.

He rose up that we may have peace. He rose up that we may have peace
He rose up that we may have peace. Hallelujah forever more.

He rose up that we may have joy. He rose up that we may have joy
He rose up that we may have joy. Hallelujah forever more!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SERMON

Grace as Disruption

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* HYMN

"Christ Is Alive!"No. 246
Glory to God

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

* CLOSING SONG

“Alleluia”

Trad. Honduras

¡Alleluia! ¡Alleluia! ¡Alleluia!
¡Alleluia! ¡Alleluia! ¡Alleluia!
¡El Señor resucitó!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Lord is risen indeed!

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Pastor: Friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Practice resurrection.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

An offering plate is available for you to place any gifts as you leave.

The Call to Worship is based on liturgy written by Thom M. Shuman (LectionaryLiturgies.blogspot.com), adapted.

The Confession and Pardon is based on a confession written by John van de Laar, 2009, Sacredise.com, adapted.

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