

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026



Prayer of Preparation

(Ulrich Zwingli 1484-1531)

Living God, by the power of your Spirit, help us so to hear your holy word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or spirit*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

***Hymn**

The Day of Resurrection!

GTG 233

***Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison)

Liturgist

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth that you created God. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Gospel Lesson John 20: 19-29 Liturgist
Source: NIV

Anthem *I Can See Clearly Now* Johnny Nash
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection Where there Is Faith, Community Is Found Pastor

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

Prayers of the People of God: Joys and Hopes

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* 5th Century Latin Hymn

***Doxology:** GTG 609

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him, all creatures here below:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Creator, Son and Holy Ghost;

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Our hearts are glad, O God, as we rejoice in your Easter miracle. We come with gratitude and joy for the many gifts you have given, but most of all for the gift of Christ living amongst us still. Bless these gifts we return to you, that they may become gifts of new life to those who are haunted by signs of death and despair. Help us live the Easter miracle, that we may ourselves be signs of resurrection hope for others. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* GTG 248

***Benediction**

Postlude *Fairest Lord Jesus* Silesian Folk melody

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Eddie Jusino

Parish Associate: Rev. Marjorie Egger

Ushers: Karen Palermo and Lois Ford

Liturgist: Troy Schmit

Music: David Libby

Vocalists: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE- Join us directly after worship for this important Biblical ministry. Members are welcome to host on an open Sunday or contribute items to any Sunday hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

April 19- Salad Sunday Fellowship

April 26- Cluster Groups Hosting

May 3- Soup Sunday Fellowship Hosting

May 10- Open for Hosting

HOME COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE- served at your home the first Sunday of each month by our Home Communion Ministry team. Please contact Carol Pillsbury at 609-902-9024 or carolpillsbury1@gmail.com if you wish to have Home Communion.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! A New Member Class will be held in the WPC Fellowship Hall Saturday, April 18 from 10am to 12pm. We will have a Reception of New Members during worship on Sunday, April 26.

ADULT ED WITH ALAN KEOHANE RETURNS WEDNESDAY APRIL 8 – JUNE 3 AT 10 AM VIA ZOOM- We'll take a look at the divided kingdom of Israel as described in I and II Kings. Check the Back of the Bulletin email for the zoom link.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Safety:

For ALL families and individuals across our country feeling a heaviness of heart at the current climate of our country.

Ailing:

Silvia Ritchie- Under hospice care. Please pray for her comfort and for her partner, John Hawkins.

Danny Russer- Diagnosed with cancer. He will undergo chemo and radiation for 7 weeks.

Jackie Sapio- completed her chemo transfusions and her cancer is in remission.

Mary Shea- (close friend of Don Smith) started her second round of chemotherapy.

Leah Christenson- (friend of Charlotte Jacobs and John Still) has stage 4 liver cancer and is in hospice care.

Pat Dickinson- (friend of John and Silvia) is having major health complications.

Greg Estes- requests prayer for his treatment for spinal arthritis.

Legacy Members/Aging with Grace:

Betty Carnahan, Mable Granke, Barbara Miller, Barbara Morgan, John & Pat Mossel, Bob Nicholson, Esther Lebegern, Sarah Ortolani, Mimi Peters, Ernesto & Joan Velez.



Vision- Aspire To Be:

A welcoming and loving congregation where everyone who gathers matters and belongs.

Mission:

- Spirit-Led: Listening, Loving, and Serving
- Welcoming: Embracing All
- Faithful: Guided
- Missional: Active
- Joy-filled: Celebrating God

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