



Easter Sunday
5 April 2026

Presiding: Pastor Bekah Davis



PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Bach Easter Concerto (allegro)

Elizabeth Koyama Violin Tiffany Lee Violin

Ksenia Podlipchuk Organ



**WELCOME &
CANDLE LIGHTING**

OPENING HYMN - CH 216

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

A close-up photograph of numerous bright yellow flowers, possibly chrysanthemums, in full bloom. The flowers are set against a clear, vibrant blue sky. The lighting is bright, creating a warm and cheerful atmosphere. The focus is sharp on the flowers in the foreground, while the background is softly blurred.

PASSING OF THE PEACE



**SPECIAL
PEOPLE**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Read by David Nolland

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism

That John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because

God was with him. “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with

him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 23:1-10

Read by Pastor Bekah Davis

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said.

They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Old Rugged Cross

David Corcoran Baritone

Accompaniment: Ksenia Podlipchuk Organ

A photograph of a rocky cave entrance. The rock is a light tan color with a rough, textured surface. A dark, shadowed opening leads into the cave. The word "SERMON" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters in the center of the image.

SERMON

RESPONSIVE HYMN - CH 234

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee

and hail him as thy matchless King through all
eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise
extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

OFFERING

Valentini (andante espressivo)

Elizabeth Koyama Violin Tiffany Lee Violin
Ksenia Podlipchuk Organ



DOXOLOGY - CH 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

A close-up photograph of tulips in a field. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. In the foreground, several tulips are in focus. On the left, a yellow tulip is in full bloom. To its right, a larger orange tulip with dark red streaks on its petals is also in full bloom. Several other tulips, both yellow and orange, are visible in the background, some in bloom and some as buds. The lighting is bright and natural, suggesting a sunny day.

PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING HYMN - CH 218

Thine is the Glory

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.

[Refrain:]

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing.
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

[Refrain:]

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)

[Refrain:]

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

BLESSING

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Amen!

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A vibrant field of flowers, including pink cosmos and purple and yellow wildflowers, is shown against a clear blue sky with soft, wispy white clouds. The scene is bright and cheerful, with the flowers in the foreground slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth.

POSTLUDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel)

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Ksenia Podlipchuk Organ