



Order of Worship April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

Resurrection

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor Darin

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.

INTROIT

Bell Choir
Processional

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Colossians 3:1-4

Pastor Darin

Since 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.

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

On Screen

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stephanie Merrell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Stephanie Merrell

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the good news. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Stephanie Merrell

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Alleluia!

*RESPONSE

Christ is Alive!

No. 246 (v. 1)

**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.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of the risen Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stephanie Merrell

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Stephanie Merrell

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

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

The word of the Lord.

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SERMON “Fear and Great Joy” Pastor Darin

*HYMN *Thine is the Glory* No. 238

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give Stephanie Merrell
Welcome & Announcements Pastor Darin
Offertory Music
Prayer of Dedication Stephanie Merrell

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Pastor Darin

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Pastor Darin

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O God of life and victory.

No. 246, verse 5

**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.**

With believers from every time and place we proclaim together. Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. . .
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are
yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Darin

MEAL

COMMUNION MUSIC *Because He Lives*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Stephanie Merrell

*HYMN *Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna* No. 248

*BENEDICTION Pastor Darin

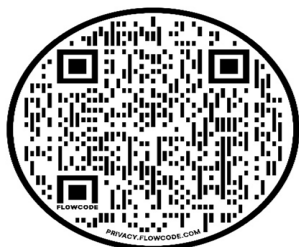
*POSTLUDE *Christ Arose*

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Serving Us Today (April 5, 2026)

Stephanie Merrell (Worship Leader), Linda Bettison & Jacob Priest (Ushers),
Gail Aalderks/ Mike Rutter (Greeters), Leah Jacobs & Ariel Yu (Nursery),
Norm Seehusen (Equal Exchange) Patty Scott, Jay Espelien, Patty Scott (AV),
Chancel Choir, Adam Rouland, Jon Tufte, Jullian E., (Music)

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Calendar

Mon., April 6

Church Office Closed

7:00 pm - Deacons

7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

Tues., April 7

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study

10:30 am - Staff Meeting

3:00 pm - Mission Meeting

5:30 pm - Lower Town Rehearsal

Wed., April 8

9:00 am - Performing Arts Group

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study

2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group

5:00 pm - Chancel Choir

5:20 pm - CORE

6:00 pm - Ring Bell Choir

Thurs., April 9

4:30 pm - Closer Walk

6:00 pm - Special Music Rehearsal

Fri., April 10

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

4:00 pm - Sewing Group (AWA)

7:00 pm - First Friday Concert

Sun., April 12

9:00 am - Youth SS

10:00 am - Worship Service

11:00 am - Youth Committee