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Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.



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WORSHIP
10:00 AM

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

Our Vision

Inspiring
Joyful Faith

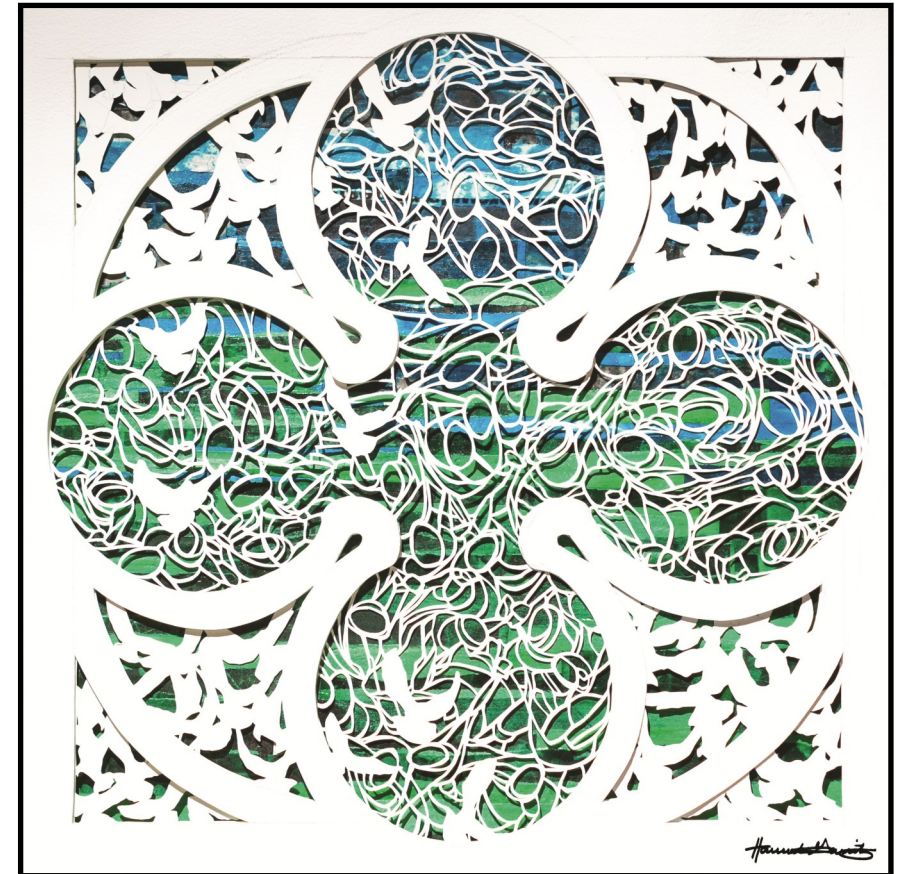
Building a
Loving
Community

Serving
Neighbors
Near and Far

Today's
Scripture
Matthew 28:1-10



Who we are. What we do.



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WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries! Scan this QR code to give securely online.



Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after worship.

*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE

Easter Selections

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" vs. 1-4 UMH 302

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.
But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

The good news is dancing!

The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting. Let us worship our good-news Christ.

HYMN "Alleluia" sing 2x FWS 2043

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Russell

After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSVUE)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Max Richter

"The good news is...alive in the world"

*HYMN

"Christ Is Risen" vs. 1, 2

UMH 307

OFFERTORY

"Worthy is the Lamb" from *Messiah*

G.F. HANDEL

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people.

We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.

We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.

We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid.

And we don't know where to look.

And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing.

So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans.

We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias."

We are on our way, but we are not there yet.

Show us how to embody your good news in this world.

Show us how to be your Easter people.

With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.

Family of faith, we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay.

So join me in this good news declaration:

Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.

This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving – Musical Setting B

UMH pp.18-20

The Lord's Prayer

Our God*, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For

thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(*Mother, Father, Creator, etc. - use the word that is most meaningful for you.)

Receiving the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**

The cup of the New Covenant, poured for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**

Music During Distribution "Up From the Grave He Arose" ARR. JOHN C. DARE
"Christ the Lord Is Risen" UMH 2116

Prayer after Communion

Loving Christ, thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies.

Thank you for the cup that quenches our thirst.

Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are.

Thank you for this Table that brings us together.

Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits.

Thank you for the promise that at this Table, and every table, you will be there.

May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good, good news. With joy and hope we pray, amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

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| *HYMN | "Christ Is Alive" vs. 1, 3, 5 | UMH 318 |
| *BLESSING | | |
| *POSTLUDE | "Hallelujah" from <i>Messiah</i> | G.F. HANDEL |

Liturgy: by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org
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Meet Me in Galilee

by Hannah Garrity
Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10
18x18" Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay

The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee. Go back to Galilee where it all started. Go back to Galilee and celebrate like we did at the beginning when we were not afraid, when these words of liberation had not yet drawn the trappings of imperial execution.

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture.

The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee. The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah!

Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news, the *euaggelion*, is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors. —Hannah Garrity

Look Study the figures in the crowd. What postures and expressions do you see? What emotions do you feel?



Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to ... connect, grow, worship ...

Spring Ring Handbell Concert



On **Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m.**, the Good Samaritan handbell choirs will perform in the 58th annual Spring Ring concert. The concert showcases the musical talents of all four of the Good Samaritan handbell groups, with solos rung by each choir and massed songs with all groups ringing together. We welcome you to come hear the Chancel Chimes, the community group Ding Dong Dollies, Jubilee!, and the Razzlin' Dazzlers quartet performing together. During the concert, there will be a no-stress opportunity for audience ringing where you can give handbells a try. Following the concert, you are welcome to a \$5/person appetizer and dessert smorgasbord to dine and mingle with the ringers. We hope to see you there!

Spring Social with Homeward Bound

Join us for the 3rd annual Spring Social – **Friday, May 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall.** Our Homeward Bound band hosts this event with special guests joining them. Enjoy a variety of desserts, coffee, tea, and lemonade. A free-will offering will support the music ministries of our church.



Scan the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/GSSpringSocial2026 to register to attend, to contribute desserts, or to volunteer to help in the kitchen.





2026 Easter Flowers



Nancy Amren
(bi-color azalea)

Cleo Bonham in memory of Opal Nelson
(pink azalea)

Shirley, Dale Jr. & Katie Braddock in memory of Dale Braddock, Sr.
(white Easter lily)

Adele Brellenthin in memory of William Brellenthin
(bi-color azalea)

Barbara Bulfer in memory of Mary Ellen Brown and Adrian Brown
(bi-color azalea)

Caroline Carlin* in memory of my parents
(purple tulips, pink tulips)

Vicki Dunn* in memory of Richard Dunn

**Lynne Ferrell & Mark Schwartzbauer in memory of Nancy Sutherland,
Barb and Lily Grace Schwartzbauer**
(pink Asiatic lily, bi-color azalea)

Joanie Goehl in honor of the joy of spring!
(yellow tulips, purple tulips)

Carol Gottesman* in memory William Applen, Betty Boysen, and Irving Gottesman
(white Easter lily, bi-color azalea, purple tulips)

Kate Graber
(4 tulips - yellow, orange, purple, pink)

**Lucille Grosch* in memory of my daughter, Jean
and our mothers, Sylvia Larson and Ann Grosch**
(2 white azaleas)

Shirley Hammersten* in memory of Helen, Hurbert, & Ron Kron
(pink azalea, yellow mums)

Jane Heimerl in honor of my family
(pink Asiatic lily)

Sarah Kumagai
(2 blue hydrangeas)

Mary Lach
(2 pink azaleas)

Pat & Sheri Manning* in honor of peace in the world.
(white Easter lily)

Jan McElfish
(white Easter lily)

Mary Olson* in memory of loved ones

**Pat & Len Olson in honor of their grandchildren, Olivia, Elin, Camilla,
Ole and Otto Olson**
(yellow Asiatic lily, pink tulip)

Susan Shaw in memory of our son, Patrick
(pink Asiatic lily)

**Richard & Melissa Smith in honor of our daughter, Emily Smith,
and her newborn son, Cooper Lee Smith**
(2 white Easter lilies)

Charlotte Snook in memory of Bob Snook
(white Easter lily)

Marilee & Terry Stevens in memory of Lynne Alexander
(pink azalea)

Kim Vickery in memory of her grandparents
(purple tulip, pink hydrangea)

Brad Wallenberg in memory of Ron & Eleanor Wallenberg
(white Easter lily, yellow tulips)

***Donated money for the plants for our homebound friends**