

**\* Opening Hymn** All

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH 302 vv 1,2,4  
*(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)*

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**Prayer of Confession** Maggie Wolfe (9:00 and 10:15);  
Laura Dooley (11:30)

**Loving God, we are grateful. You bring new life into  
inconceivable places when we feel all is lost. Even when  
we cannot perceive it, your Spirit is at work. When we  
turn away and our love fails, give us the imagination and  
courage to trust in the mystery of your redemptive hand.  
We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance** Maggie Wolfe (9:00 and 10:15);  
Laura Dooley (11:30)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

*After Words of Assurance, children are invited to stay in the  
Sanctuary and follow along with their activity-filled bulletins or  
enjoy the items in their Easter bags.*

**Words of Life** John 20:1-18 Maggie Wolfe (9:00, 10:15);  
Laura Dooley (11:30)

**Message for Today** Rev. Hilary Marchbanks  
“Awe”

**\* Response** All

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices” UMH 304 vv 1,3  
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**Offertory Prayer** Maggie Wolfe (9:00 and 10:15);  
Laura Dooley (11:30)

**Gracious God, we offer our gifts as a response to the  
abundant grace we have received through Christ.  
Transform our offerings into acts of love that respond to  
the world’s hardest questions. We dedicate these gifts to  
your service, trusting that, through your blessing, they  
will bless others. Amen.**

**Offertory** Chancel Choir

“For This Glorious Easter Morning”

For this glorious Easter morning, God of light, we bless Thy  
name!

Thou hast brought us out of darkness, heaven's glories to  
proclaim!

Satan's power from us driven by the Savior who is risen.  
Conq'ring Lord of all creation, praise the wonders of thy name!

Death and grave around us lying by the hand of God are slain.  
washed away in vict'ry's torrent, never to preside again  
Where was once a cruel oppression, Christ has made an  
intercession.

Now the head of all who love him, Christ, in conquest, lives  
to reign!

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!

Honor, glory, adoration unto thee, almighty Lord!

For the gift of thy salvation on thy people thou hast poured.

Ev'ry creature, ev'ry nation, join to lift this grand ovation,

Only God receives all honor, only Christ be so adored!

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting Lord!

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**Holy Communion** Responsive,  
led by Rev. Randy Knighten  
*(Words are on the screen.)*

**The Prayer of Jesus** All, led by Rev. Knighten

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.**

**Communion Rail Offering**

This month’s Communion rail offering goes to Casa Marianella,  
a non-profit which welcomes displaced immigrants and asylum  
seekers. It promotes self-sufficiency by providing shelter, food,  
clothing, medical and legal resources, and English classes.

**Music During Communion** Chancel Choir

“The Supper of the Lord” “Broken for Me, Broken for You”  
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**Our Mission** All, led by Shelley Walters

**We are creating a community where God’s love  
changes people and God’s people change the world.**

**We Continue Our Worshipful Work** Shelley Walters

**\* Sending Hymn** All

“Christ Is Alive”  
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**\* Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

**\* Sharing the Peace of Christ** Rev. Marchbanks

**\* Postlude** “Christ Is Alive” Ed Snouffer, piano;  
JT Wolfe and Enrique Lopez, trumpets

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*\* You are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

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**Sanctuary Flowers**

This week’s Easter lilies have been provided by congregants  
in honor or memory of someone as listed in today’s insert.

To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers for Sunday’s  
throughout the year, please email Rebecca Witte at  
[rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org).

*If you ordered an Easter lily, you may pick it up  
after today’s 11:30 a.m. service.*

## We are creating a community ...

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### Easter Offering

You can your joy in this season by supporting Saint John's through an Easter Offering. Visit [bit.ly/sjeasteroffering](http://bit.ly/sjeasteroffering) to make your Easter Offering online. Or drop your Easter Offering off at the church with "Easter Offering" written in the memo line of your check.

### Saint John's Children and Youth Events

**Vacation Bible School** - Registration is now open for this summer's Vacation Bible School, Jul 20 - 24, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Attendees and volunteers can register at [bit.ly/sjvbs2026](http://bit.ly/sjvbs2026).

### SJ Pedalers Hill Country Ride for AIDS, Sat, Apr 18

Join the Saint John's Pedalers Sat, Apr 18, on the Hill Country Ride for AIDS. Questions? Email Chris Sparks at [cmsparks@gmail.com](mailto:cmsparks@gmail.com). Register for the team or to donate to the team or a specific rider at [bit.ly/sjhillcountryride2026](http://bit.ly/sjhillcountryride2026).

### iACT Hands on Housing Spring Blitz, Sat, Apr 11

On Sat, Apr 11, a team from Saint John's will participate iACT's Hands On Housing Spring Blitz 2026 project. Sign up in the Gallery or reach out to Ron Kneupper at [kneupper@yahoo.com](mailto:kneupper@yahoo.com) or 512-825-1150.

### Conversation on Christian Nationalism, Sat, Apr 11

On Sat, Apr 11, 10 a.m. – noon, Amanda Tyler will lead a discussion of Christian nationalism. To participate in person, register at [bit.ly/amandatylersatapr11](http://bit.ly/amandatylersatapr11). To participate online, register at [bit.ly/amandatylersatapr11online](http://bit.ly/amandatylersatapr11online). (Registration is via EventBrite.) You can also sign up today in the Gallery. Questions? Email Shelley Walters at [shelley@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:shelley@stjohnsaustin.org).

### UWF Driveway Sale, Sat, Apr 18, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Our United Women in Faith will host their annual Driveway Sale on Sat, Apr 18, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at 7009 Edgefield Dr. (Rain date: Sun, Apr 19) Proceeds from the sale go to wonderful causes benefitting women and children. Help by shopping the sale or by donating items. (See the newsletter for a list of items requested.) Questions? Email Cathy Barton at [catherineabarton2@gmail.com](mailto:catherineabarton2@gmail.com) or Kathleen Johnson at [kathleenstamps@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenstamps@yahoo.com).

### Bread and Belonging Class, Thursdays, Apr 9 - 30

Thursdays, April 9 - 30, 6:30 - 8 p.m., online and in person Gather with us in person or online Thursday, Apr 9., 6:30 – 8 p.m. for Bread & Belonging: Bible Study Together – a time of scripture study, fellowship, and prayer. Following the lectionary readings, we'll explore the Bible alongside reflections from a wide range of theologians and pastors. Register at [bit.ly/breadbible6](http://bit.ly/breadbible6). Questions? Email Shelley Walters at [shelley@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:shelley@stjohnsaustin.org).

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3. Church members may log on to their mySaintJohn's account via the web or by the Realm Connect app.
4. Leave a donation in an offering plate as it is passed or in the offering box located in the Gallery, or mail a check.

### Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Randy Knighten, Outreach Ministries Pastor  
Gelecia Brewer, Communion Steward  
Chancel Choir  
Cina Crisara, Director of Music  
Laura Dooley, liturgist (11:30)  
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator  
Gary James, Sound Technician  
Gayle Kneupper, Communion Steward  
Enrique Lopez, Trumpet  
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator  
Ridley Marchbanks, Projections Intern (11:30)  
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications  
Ed Snouffer, Pianist and Associate Director of Music  
Rev. Andy Smith, Soloist  
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer  
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development  
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections  
JT Wolf, Trumpet  
Maggie Wolfe, Liturgist (9:00 and 10:15)

### Connect Team

Brooks Barlow (9:00)  
Bob Walker (10:15)  
Kathleen Harrington (11:30)

### Liturgy Notes

Prayer of Confession and Offering Prayer  
adapted from Rev. M Jade Kaiser.



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*At Saint John's United Methodist Church  
we affirm that all persons are of sacred worth,  
and we welcome everyone, without exception,  
to participate fully in the church's life and ministry.*



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**Gathering Music** JT Wolfe and Enrique Lopez, trumpets

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**Welcome**

Shelley Walters

**Introit** "Alleluia, Praise the Risen King" Chancel Choir

Rejoice, be glad, lift your voice and sing!  
The king of love, our glorious king,  
Has conquered death and he lives again.  
Let earth and heaven ring!

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\* **Greeting**

Maggie Wolfe (9:00 and 10:15);  
Laura Dooley (11:30)

We rise to greet you this Easter morning, O God. Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

**We walked with Jesus, experienced miracles with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, and asked questions with Nicodemus.**

We found living water at the well, and we went to the upper room. We said goodbye to Jesus at Calvary, and we mourned.

**Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of Easter!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

Hallelujah!

**Hallelujah! Amen.**