

MORNING WORSHIP

April 5, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Easter Sunday

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

Sound the Trumpet

Henry Purcell

Susan Gouthro, soprano; Marc Denton, trumpet; Gay Pappin, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Through God's miracle of grace, we have come through the night and arrived at this glorious dawn.

People: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Leader: All doors are open, all creation sings, all that was broken is made whole.

In the face of death, we have new life.

People: Christ is Risen!

Leader: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord, Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen, Indeed!

*OPENING PRAYER

Risen Lord, we turn from the night's vigil toward the first rays of Your new dawn warming all creation. We give thanks that You are alive, here with us, and no power can stop Your love. Teach us what it means for death to relinquish its hold on us, that with renewed hearts we might know resurrection hope in our bodies and cry, Alleluia, as Easter people. Amen.

+*HYMN 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Risen Lord, we proclaim Your victory over sin and death, yet the sins we carry can feel heavy and dark. The sun shines bright as we sing, 'Alleluia,' yet the memory of abandoning You remains. We shout, 'He is risen!' but fail to care for life around us. Loosen the bonds of guilt and regret. Free us for true belonging, that the story of Your resurrection might bring us to courage and liberation. Turn our hearts to joy and our hands to Your work of justice and stubborn hope. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The stone has forgotten how to hold its place. The dawn breaks open the grave. Light spills where shadows once clung. Death has lost its voice; mercy speaks your name. The One who was crucified is not here—He has been raised. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed your sin. You are made new and called again into life.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PROMISE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10, pew Bible pg. 909

SERMON

"Easter Changes Everything"

Lori Archer Raible

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let the Bright Seraphim"

G.F. Handel

Susan Gouthro, soprano; Marc Denton, trumpet; Gay Pappin, organ

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Laudate Dominum" from *Vesperae solennes de confessore, K. 339*
Mozart

W.A.

Chancel Choir; Susan Gouthro, soprano; Marc Denton, trumpet
Based on Psalm 117: "O praise God, all ye nations; praise God all ye people."

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Risen Christ, You come to us as morning trembles on the edge of light, in the quiet unfolding of life where we thought none remained. Receive what we bring from our open hands. Take these small offerings of tender hope and gratitude and gather them into Your rising. Where death has lingered, let life begin anew. Where fear has taken root, speak peace into the soil. Where sorrow has settled, let joy find its way back like dawn. Make of us a living witness of Your new creation still breaking open in the world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 232

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

arr. Robert Hobby

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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