

Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN – April 5, 2026

Resurrection of the Lord



Jesus said, “Do not hold onto me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” - John 20: 1-18

Service Notes: Prayer cards are available in your pews for the sharing of Joys and Concerns. You can give them to Sandy Garcia. We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **BOLD**. *Indicates when to stand in body or spirit.

Worship Volunteers: Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Garcia – Lay Leader; Jill Werling – Children’s Message; Rachel Lilly – Ushers: Pam Callahan, Grace Hochstetler, & Tyler Bowers – Technology: John Current & Bill Werling– Counters: Pam Callahan and Volunteer

Prelude

Hallelujah! Christ Arose! by Lowry

Welcome

***Call to Worship —**

The Lord says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love.”

Therefore God’s faithfulness continues toward us.

We come with questions, with hope, and with longing.

We come seeking the One who calls us by name.

Christ is risen and meets us in our searching.

Christ is risen indeed!

Come, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn — Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

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***Call to Confession —**

Even in the light of resurrection, we sometimes linger in fear, confusion, and doubt. We search for Jesus in the places of loss, and we cling to what we know, instead of trusting what God is doing new. Let us come before God with honest hearts, confessing what we carry.

***Prayer of Confession —**

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we do not always recognize you. Like Mary, we stand in places of sorrow, unsure of what has changed, afraid to hope again. We cling to what feels familiar, even when you are calling us forward. Forgive us when we hold on to fear, when we resist your new life, when we fail to trust your presence. Call us again by name, O God. Meet us in our grief and in our uncertainty, and lead us gently into the life you promise. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Time for silent confession

***Assurance of Pardon –**

Hear the good news: The God who loves us with an everlasting love does not abandon us in the tombs of our lives. In Jesus Christ, we are seen, known, forgiven, and made new. Christ calls us by name and sends us out in love.

Thanks be to God. Alleluiah!

Song of Assurance – #581 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children’s Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, open our hearts and minds as we hear your Word today. Meet us where we are—in our questions, our grief, and our hope—and help us to hear your voice calling our name. By your Spirit, lead us into truth, and into the new life you are bringing. **Amen.**

Hebrew Bible: Jeremiah 31: 1-6

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31 “At that time,” declares the LORD, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.”

2 This is what the LORD says:

“The people who survive the sword
will find favor in the wilderness;
I will come to give rest to Israel.”

3 The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

4 I will build you up again,
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.
Again you will take up your timbrels
and go out to dance with the joyful.

5 Again you will plant vineyards
on the hills of Samaria;
the farmers will plant them
and enjoy their fruit.

6 There will be a day when watchmen cry out
on the hills of Ephraim,
‘Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.’”

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

***Choir Anthem – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

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Gospel – John 20: 1-18

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Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips

of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Held by Grace, Sent in Love

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Response — Alleluia! Christ is Arisen

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Great Thanksgiving

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 thanks and praise.

In every time and every age, O God, it is good and faithful that we give you thanks, for your mercy is sure and your steadfast love endures forever.

In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus, who sets us free from death and lead us to life eternal. And so, with all creation, with all the needy and hungry ones, with all those who have enough and plenty, with creatures large and small, with sun and moon and stars, and with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#566 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. By your power and love you continue to deliver your people from bondage, thwart the designs of evil, show the way through the wilderness, turn hardship into righteousness, and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe. You came among us to feed and heal and teach, to confound the haughty, to confuse the deceivers, to challenge the wrong-hearted, and, in all these things, to give hope to those who long for peace.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#557 "Christ Has Died, Christ is Risen"

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life. You give us words when we have none; you fill us with vision when we have the most need; you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour. Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace, Spirit of Love, Breath of Life. Bring to this hurting world the joy that Mary knew, and teach us to proclaim with her, "I have seen the Lord."

In the unity of the Holy Trinity, in gratitude for this great day of resurrection, we praise you, God of all that is, now and forever. Amen.

#558 "Amen"

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Call to Offering

God meets us with grace and calls us into new life. In gratitude for all that God has given, let us offer our gifts—so that others, too, may know hope, healing, and love.

Offertory

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth by Handel

*Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication –

Let us pray: Generous God, we offer these gifts with thankful hearts. Use them to bring life where there is loss, hope where there is grief, and love where it is

most needed. May all that we give be a reflection of your grace at work in the world. In Christ's name, Amen.

Announcements

*Closing Hymn – The Day of Resurrection

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*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today arr. by Thygerson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace's Easter Egg Hunt: Thanks to all who donated or volunteered for this event.

Easter Breakfast: Our friendly boy scouts are once again hosting their annual Easter breakfast. The meal starts at 8:30 AM (Sunday, April 5th).

Boy Scout Pies: If you ordered a pie from our scouts, they are here to be picked up. Check the kitchen fridge (freezer) for a list of orders and your pies.

Spanish Club: Everyone is invited to join the club. Thursdays at Grace. Learn some Spanish while hanging out with Sandy Garcia, or practice what you already know. 6:00 PM.

North Highland Neighbor Association Meeting: Thursday, April 7, 7:00 PM.

Fishes and Loaves Collection for Lent: We are collecting cans of tuna, salmon, and boxes of crackers to benefit the United Faith Food Bank. Monetary donations are also welcome to help purchase additional needed items.

Lent Coin Boxes and Folders: There are coin boxes and folders in the narthex. Last year, these gifts were used for our annual Wellspring Christmas Luncheon.

Birthdays

Dale Lehman – April 8

Anniversaries

Ken & Pam Mahoney

April 5, 1970

Derek & Lauren Palmer

April 7, 2017

Worship Volunteers for April 12, 2026

Lay Leader – Tom Monnier

& Tyler Bowers

Children’s Message – Cathy German

Technology – John Current & Bill Werling

Ushers – Pam Callahan, Grace Hochstetler,

Counters – Pam Callahan & Volunteer

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 **Password:** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 **Meeting ID:** 9712063468 **Password:** 030414

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love,

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740
 Spanish trans. Juan Bautista Cabrera, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749
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EASTER HYMN
 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

253 Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó

Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 2: (Am) (E7)
 Bm F#7

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.
 ¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó

With great artistry, this Latin American hymn condenses the Resurrection story into four stanzas. The first and third stanzas deal with groups (the women, the disciples), while the second and fourth focus on individuals (Mary Magdalene, Thomas). The refrain is Good News for all.

TEXT: Luis Bojos, 1974; English trans. Martin A. Seltz, 2000
 MUSIC: Luis Bojos, 1974
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SANTO DOMINGO
 9.8.9.8 with refrain

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

(Am)
Bm Fine

Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.
la ma - dru - ga - da del do - min - go.

(Am) (F) (E7)
Bm G F#7

- 1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side.
- 2 Rise, Mag - da - le - na, from your weep - ing;
- 3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning;
- 4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning?

(Am)
Bm

Mar - vel, the stone is rolled a - way!
Christ stands be - fore your ver - y eyes.
sud - den - ly Christ your Lord ap - pears.
"I'll not be - lieve un - less I see."

(F) (E7)
G F#7

Hear from the an - gel, "He is ris - en."
Quick - ly re - turn to the dis - ci - ples;
"Look, it is I, your wound - ed Sav - ior.
Christ comes a - gain, and ev - ery Lord's day:

(Am)
Bm *to Refrain / el Estribillo*

Christ goes be - fore you all the way.
bear the good news: "He is a - live."
Peace be with you, and do not fear."
"Touch me and see; have faith in me."

SPANISH

- 1 Fueron mujeres al sepulcro.
La piedra un ángel removió;
les dijo: "Ha resucitado".
Y al irse, les salió el Señor.
- 2 La Magdalena fue a llorarlo
y Cristo se le apareció;
le pidió ir a sus hermanos
con un encargo que le dio.

- 3 A los discípulos, de tarde,
Cristo también se presentó.
Les enseñó las cinco heridas;
dando la paz los saludó.
- 4 Tomás no estaba en ese encuentro;
y ver, pidió, para creer.
Cristo volvió, le dijo: "Mira,
palpa mi herida y ten fe".

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

TEXT: John of Damascus, 8th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1862, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

LANCASHIRE
 7.6.7.6.D
 (this tune in a lower key, 269)

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