



Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Greencastle Presbyterian Church

57 WEST BALTIMORE STREET

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR APRIL 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Today we celebrate with all Christians the reality that because Christ was raised, all can be raised to new life, offering comfort and overcoming fear of death.

* *Please stand as able*

Welcome & Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Easter Morning Joy*

Douglas E. Wagner

GPC Bell Choir

*The Call to Worship

Leader: My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers on bended knees. We have stared at the sky, empty of stars. But today—today we know hope.

People: Today we know life. Today we know the sound of Alleluias. Today we know that death does not have the last word. Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ.

Leader: It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day.

All: Alleluia!

*Hymn *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

Victor Johnson

Barry Leap, *organ* Brian Keck, *trumpet*

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*The Prayer of Confession (unison)

Leader: It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles Jesus was raised from the dead. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.

All: Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it. Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope. Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors. In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter. Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you. (Silent prayer)

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Words by
Charles Wesley, 1739

Arranged with new Music by
Victor C. Johson
Tune: LLANFAIR
by **Robert Williams** (1817)

f Please sing when directed



Hail the day that sees Him— rise,
See! He lifts His hands a - bove;



Al - le - lu - ia! to His throne a -
Al - le - lu - ia! See! He shows the



bove the— skies! Al - le - lu - ia!
prints of— love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners— giv'n,
Hark! His gra - cious lips— be - stow,



Al - le - lu - ia! en - ters now the
Al - le - lu - ia! bless - ings on His



high - est— heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!
Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

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*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Friends on this Easter day, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #581

The Children's Time with Their Pastor

The Prayer for Illumination. (Unison)

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15:19-26

Solo *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* (from MESSIAH)

G.F. Handel

Marisabel Cordova, soprano

Barry Leap, piano

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms may destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the firstfruits of them that sleep.

Job 19:25-26 & 1 Corinthians 15:20

*The Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Pastor: This is the word of the risen Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Easter Message

*Response to the Word **The Apostle's Creed**

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Anthem *Resurrection Joy* ODE TO JOY

Ludwig van Beethoven arr. Lloyd Larson

Kaylynn Leap, *clarinet*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the king of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time will cease;
in God's likeness, we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

Life eternal! Heaven rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O endless voices! Child of God lift up your head!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Lives today!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Hearts to heaven and voices raise!
Alleluia!

Christopher Wordsworth and William J. Irons

Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of our Tithes and our Lives

The Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, and made covenant to be our God. By a pillar of fire, you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, setting before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word-made-flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory.

He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch and was wounded for our sins. He came with peace in his heart and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, and is with us always, as he promised. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. For great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Now, O God, with grateful hearts we remember Jesus. We remember that he was laid in a borrowed grave. A heavy stone sealed up the tomb. We remember that the women came, early in the morning, on the third day. They did not find him among the dead.

We remember that his disciples met him on the road. He opened the Scriptures, explaining everything, and their hearts burned within them. They said to him, “*Stay with us, for it is evening.*”

So, he went in with them. And while they were at table, he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it for them to share. Then their eyes were opened, and they knew him in the breaking of the bread.

Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that earth has given and human hands have made. Bless also this fruit of the vine, created for our gladness. Make them the food and drink of everlasting life, body surrendered, blood poured out.

As we rejoice in the resurrection, give us love for each other, and make us servants of peace, until your new realm is revealed and every creature beholds it.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and presides at this table, our host and our feast, praying as he taught us...

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer After Holy Communion (unison)

Dear God, as we leave this Communion table, we ask for your divine guidance in every aspect of our lives. In this new year, direct our steps, illuminate our paths, and grant us clarity in following your will. May your Holy Spirit be our constant guide. And may our lives be a blessing to so many others; In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Closing Hymn #826 *Lift High the Cross*
Kaylynn Leap. *clarinet*

*The Blessing

The Postlude *Crown Him the Lord of Life*
Ellen Jane Lorenz Based on the tune *Diademata* by George J. Elvey
Barry Leap, *organ*

Easter Flowers in Loving Memory of

Gannon Stauch by Phil & Deborah Pearce (*purple tulip*)

Trudy Jones by Phil & Deborah Pearce (*purple tulip*)

Pete "Pappy" Peterson (96 years old this year) lovingly missed
by Scott, Candace, & Rhia (*blue hyacinth*)

Carolyn "Grandma" Rutherford
(96 years old this year) lovingly missed
by Candace, Scott, & Rhia (*yellow tulip*)

Tony Tartaglia by Kim Tartaglia (*daffodil*)

My parents by Kim Tartaglia (*yellow tulip, pink tulip*)

Our parents by Craig & Judy Welterlen (*yellow daisy*)

Our families by Craig & Judy Welterlen (*pink daisy*)

Carl & Peg Strausner by Lu Ann Hager (*daffodil*)

Brooks & Evelyn Goshorn by Dan & Dee Patton (*pink daisy*)

Charles & Lois Patton by Dan & Dee Patton (*purple tulip*)

John & Tillie Wine by Ed & Debbie Wine (*yellow tulip*)

Joe & Leona Cain by Ed & Debbie Wine (*purple tulip*)

**Our parents, George & Betty Sucke and
George & Janice Davison** by Al & Becky Sucke (*daffodil*)

Kenneth Dunster by Nancylee Moore (*blue hyacinth*)

Easter Flowers in Loving Memory of

Beatrice Dunster by Nancylee Moore (*pink hyacinth*)

Ken Dunster, Jr. by Nancylee Moore (*white hyacinth*)

Hazel Morton by The Herrmanns (*yellow daisy*)

Sydney Barnes by The Herrmanns (*two orange daisies*)

Tom & Josephine Stouffer by Jeff & Marg Stouffer (*pink daisy*)

Don & Treva Luck by Jeff & Marg Stouffer (*pink daisy*)

My wife, Melissa Wills by Steven Wills (*lily*)

Robert & Dixie Davis by Terry & Lynn Davis (*daffodil*)

Shirley Cook by Terry & Lynn Davis (*blue hyacinth*)

David & Maggie Rinehart by Bob & Karol Keller (*yellow daisy*)

Gene, Marie & Philip Larew

by Al & Barbara Larew Adams (*orange daisy*)

My parents, Jack & Olive Irwin by Enid & Laszlo Madaras (*lily*)

Arthur & Mary Long

by Carole Malin & David Rutherford (*purple tulip*)

Michael S. Austin by Virginia & Tony Vallillo (*yellow daisy*)

Carl Park by Virginia & Tony Vallillo (*white hyacinth*)

Our parents by George & Pamela Price (*yellow tulip*)

Easter Flowers in Honor of

Our families, our health, and spring!

by Candace & Scott (*daffodil*)

This church by Craig & Judy Welterlen (*orange daisy*)

Don & Helen Hager by Lu Ann Hager (*blue hyacinth*)

Bob & Karol Keller by Lu Ann Hager (*yellow tulip*)

Dot Wilson by Lu Ann Hager (*pink tulip*)

The GPC Music Ministry

by Susan & Richard Bell (*pink daisy*)

Laiken Smith, Reagan Smith, & Aubrey Smith

by Albert & Debra Miller (three blue hyacinths)

Madeline Miller by Albert & Debra Miller (*blue hyacinth*)

Aiden Miller by Albert & Debra Miller (*pink hyacinth*)

Patti Divelbiss by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink tulip*)

Joyce Hopkins by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*purple tulip*)

Barbar Lange by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink tulip*)

Barry Leap by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*blue hyacinth*)

Liam Papa by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*blue hyacinth*)

Easter Flowers in Honor of

Zakary Reynolds by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink daisy*)

Brenda Slick by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink daisy*)

Greg Strine by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink tulip*)

Trevor Timmons by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*purple tulip*)

Dorthalee Wilson by Dr. J. Fred & Dottie Davison (*pink tulip*)

My mom's caregivers

by Rebecca Wertime (*three pink daisies*)

My spouse, Jerry Thompson by Sue Thompson (*yellow daisy*)

Bryan Larew by Al & Barbara Larew Adams (*orange daisy*)

Our children, Molli & husband, Richard and

Jason & wife, Dana by Mark & Patti Divelbiss (*yellow daisy*)

Our grandchildren, Jackson, Ellie, Conner, & Calvin

by Mark & Patti Divelbiss (*orange daisy*)

Candace & Scott by Carole & David (*yellow tulip*)

Rhiannon by Grammy & Granddaddy (*pink tulip*)

Our children by George & Pamela Price (*purple tulip*)

Our grandchildren by George & Pamela Price (*purple tulip*)

SERVING THE CHURCH

Preaching.....Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Acolyte.....
Liturgist..... Kelsey Marshall
Communion Servers Racheal Bowman, Gabe Gates, Sheila Gates,
Erin Herrmann, Darlene Kline, Kelsey Marshall
Audio Video Tech..... Jim Papa
CloserPaul Sauder

Musicians

Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Director of Music Ministries

Barry Leap, *organ*
Brian Keck, *trumpet*
Kaylynn Leap, *clarinet*
Robert Bond, *guest vocalist*
Libbi Brewer, *guest vocalist*
Marisabel Cordova, *guest vocalist*
LiLee Everett, *guest vocalist*

GPC Chancel Choir

Randall Ackerman
Margery Benson
Roberta Biesecker
Becky Fic
Barbara Grane
Donna Grosh
Brian Keck

Danielle Kline
Barry Leap
Patsy Lee
JoAnne Lewis
Tom Thomas
Allan Wilson

GPC Bell Choir

Mary Ann Ackerman
Terry Davis
Brian Keck
Kelly Kerstetter
Berry Kline

Danielle Kline
Barry Leap
Kaylynn Leap
Liam Papa
Dee Patton