



**April 5, 2026—Easter Sunday**  
**Joint Worship Service, 10:45 AM**

Welcome/Brief Announcements		WGCC/WGBC
Prelude	<i>Low in the Grave He Lay</i>	BH 160
Opening Prayer		Sally Smith
*Opening Hymn	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	BH 159
Children's Moment		Jeff Moore
Choir Anthem	<i>Light of a Clear Blue Morning</i>	D. Parton
Scripture Reading	John 20:1-18	Sally Smith
Sermon		<b>Terrell Carter/Jeff Moore</b>
Invitation to Discipleship		Terrell Carter
*Invitation Hymn	<i>In The Garden</i>	CH 227
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Jeff Moore
Communion Hymn	<i>Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna</i>	CH 222

The Lord's Supper/Elder's Prayer John Burney  
 Communion Meditation *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna*  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering Our Gifts & Commitments Terrell Carter  
 Prayer over the Offering

\*Doxology

Praises and Prayers of the Community Jeff Moore

*This morning, we are praying with and for the people and churches of Japan, and for those countries under the siege of threats, war, and natural disasters*

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

\*Closing Hymn Because He Lives! BH 533

\*Benediction Terrell Carter

Postlude *Now the Green Blade Rises* CH 230

\* = Please stand if you are comfortably able.

**CH—Chalice Hymnal CP=Chalice Praise Hymnal BH=Baptist Hymnal PB=Pew Book**

Greeter(s): Gary Gwinn

Musicians: Lisa Cripe, Wind of the Spirit, WGCC Choir (Robin Woodrome, director), WGCC Celebration Ringers, WGBC Choir, Laura Unterweger

Prayer Composers: Devoree Crist

Media/Streaming: John Pahl, Sarah Van Norman

## **OPENING PRAYER APRIL 5, 2026 Easter Sunday**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Glorious God, as we celebrate in worship, we gather together as your people made new in the light of the resurrection. We are reminded that what matters most is our relationship to you. Even in the chaos, fear and uncertainty of the times, we can find our peace in you. Because by his death and resurrection, Jesus has overcome death and sin, we have been given eternal life. We have hope through him who still lives and walks with us each day. Bless us as we spread this good news today as we sing your praise in alleluias and in our daily living as we share the love you so freely give with all those we encounter. We are an Easter people, help us to truly embody the spirit of the Risen Christ as we endeavor to serve in his holy name. Let us be your instruments of transformation in this broken world. Alleluia!

Amen!

## **John 20:1-18**

### **New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

#### **The Resurrection of Jesus**

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

#### **Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting

where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.