



*Easter Sunday*

April 5, 2026



# Order of Service ♦ Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

## Prayer of Preparation

O Christ, who lived to show what life is like,  
who died to conquer sin and death,  
who rose to raise us up to life eternal,  
help us to worship with awe and joy. Amen.

## Prelude

*Morning Has Broken*

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

## Welcome

Neil Trainer

## Call to Worship

*One:* Christ is risen!

*All:* **He is risen indeed!**

## Songs of Praise

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
*Alleluia*

Linda Clugston, *organ*;  
Art Nelson, *trumpet*;  
Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Norm Underland

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for the hope we have in Jesus,  
who died but is risen and rules over all.  
We praise you for his presence with us,  
and the promise that nothing can separate us  
from your great love made known in Christ.  
Yet we often take your grace for granted;  
we remain captive to doubt and fear;  
and we stubbornly seek our ways over yours.  
Forgive us of our sins, O God.  
Create in us clean hearts,  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
even as we continue to silently pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Grace

## Passing of the Peace

*One:* The peace of Christ be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## Doxology

## Children's Blessing

Curtis White

## Offering

*Glorious Victory*

Calvin Choir

## Scripture Presentation

Matthew 28:1–10 NIV

Janet Peterson

## Sermon

*Yet Filled with Joy*

Neil Trainer

## Sacrament of Communion

*The Day of Resurrection  
Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Worship Band

## Prayers of the People

Patrick Meagher

## The Lord's Prayer

**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;**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Song of Sending

*In Christ Alone*

Worship Band

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Thine is the Glory*

Linda Clugston, *organ*  
Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

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# Easter Flowers ♦ 5 April 2026

## Given by

## In Memory of

Jan & Lisa Allen ..... Lee & Marieke Allen;  
Frank & Betty Ann Countryman;  
Frank Countryman, Jr.;  
Philip Countryman; and  
Stuart & Alice Countryman

Don Belcher ..... those who have loved and  
shepherded us in life

Allan & Trish Bodine ..... their parents,  
Clarence & Hildur Bodine, and  
Orville & Lila Burda

Bob & Lynn Burwell ..... their mothers, Marion Creed,  
and Jennie Burwell

Wayne & Linda Clugston ..... their parents, Cecil & Jean Clugston,  
and John & Mary Williams; and  
Linda's sister, Pauline Trepus.

Cindy Darling ..... her husband, Olin Darling,  
and her parents,  
Bryan & Louise McMinn

Sandy Gilbert ..... her husband, Buddy Gilbert

Judie Hagen..... her husband, Colonel Gary Hagen

Martha Hayden-Ledbetter ... her husband, Steven R. Hayden;  
and Bill & Lola Cohill;  
Emmett Drumheller Sr. and Jr.;  
and Lisa Wieder



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**In Memory of**



- Madelyn Hofman ..... her husband,  
Rod Hofman
- Kat Langenheim ..... Cmdr. John Langenheim (ret.),  
and Bill Langenheim
- The Logan Family ..... their beloved mom and granny,  
Roberta Gow
- Eric & Janet Peterson ..... their parents,  
Bruce & Jean Maines,  
and Don & Mary Peterson
- Barbara Rood ..... all those who have died from  
violence or injustice in the  
past year
- Dick & Gretchen Scheumann ..... Rod & Helen Scheumann
- Rose Ann Scott ..... her husband, Ian Scott
- Lee & Brenda Simpkins ..... Adrian Simpkins and Dale Thomas
- Arden & Cindy Snyder ..... their daughter, Chelsea Brianne Snyder
- Greg, Polly, & Phyllis Terman ..... Hal & Leila Free; and Dick Terman
- Marilyn Wirtz ..... her husband, Ronald J. Wirtz





# Lessons of Spring

by Patrick Meagher

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Every spring, I'm disciplined anew by the burst of life all around and its perennial object lesson on the resurrection. This year, my first under the tutelage of the landscape around Calvin, I take notes on the stunning line of cherry trees on 3rd Ave, the first signs of abundance in the community garden, the wild beauty of the upper green patch, and the lovingly attended courtyard outside my office. There's resurrection all around, and it is strikingly beautiful.

And yet, the beauty is not the only thing discipling me. The enduring element of the lesson of spring includes the emptiness of winter, just like our celebration of Jesus's resurrection emerges from the abandonment and death that precedes it. I find this very helpful to my faith journey.

During a recent bible study on John's gospel, a long-time friend, someone I know to have a sincere and living faith, asked the group, "Since we don't have miracles like Jesus healing blind people anymore, how do we understand this passage?" Now, I know what she meant. I've asked that same practical and sensible question to myself numerous times. Yet, this time her question hit me differently.

As I sat in this bible study, I carried the burdens of a difficult season of my life. I had been stretched, jostled, and torn apart, but also seen and supported in meaningful ways by my community. I had been in need, and in my vulnerable state I had been loved. From this raw place, choking back tears, I found myself inarticulately making a case that moments of love from one to another in our day and age carry the same miraculous healing power that Jesus threw around in the first century. The very same. The miracles of love were clearer to me in that moment because of the pain I had endured and the emptiness I had known.

The very first signs of spring growth, in their bright green rawness, are both tender and strong, fragile and inevitable. They are a miracle every time, but powered by a Source of life strong and inevitable enough to resurrect life from the emptiness of winter, the death of the cross, and the hardest seasons of our lives.



## Happy Birthday!

Anni Korpi .....	Today!	Nancy Bowerman.....	Apr 14
Debbie Baily .....	Apr 09	Edna Bulaong.....	Apr 14
Roechama Weschler.....	Apr 09	Bob Lord.....	Apr 14
Joe Janacek .....	Apr 10	CJ Park .....	Apr 14
Bernice Kent.....	Apr 13	Jamie Froebe.....	Apr 16
Mike Marinella .....	Apr 13	Nate Brown .....	Apr 17
Dennis Ostgard.....	Apr 13	Susan Durr .....	Apr 19



## Upcoming Events

<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> — Last day to donate .....	Today!
Easter Monday (church office closed) .....	Apr 06
Young Adults Theology on Tap, 6:30 pm .....	Apr 06
Messy Church, 5:30 pm in the Activity Center .....	Apr 08
Worship Band Workshop, 2 pm in the Sanctuary.....	Apr 11
Community Advocacy Dinner, 6 pm.....	Apr 20
Milestone Workshop, after the service.....	Apr 26

## New Banner for Fellowship Hall

// *Thanks to our Calvin banner team for their beautiful artistry*

We welcome a new banner on Sunday! “Faithfulness: Springtime,” now hanging in the Fellowship Hall, glows with the new life of spring. Third in the series “Great Is Thy Faithfulness,” this banner reflects the continuity of God’s love through all the seasons of our years and our lives.

### *The Banner Team*

*Jan Christophersen, Cindy Darling, Martha Hayden-Ledbetter, Kat Langenheim,  
Dorothy Lindstrom, Christi Nixon, Mary Ann Rohrer, Rebecca Thomas,  
Ruth Van Dyke, and Marilyn Wirtz.*

## Messy Church Is on Wednesday

// *Join us at 5:30 in the Activity Center*

April is officially here, and we are ready to celebrate! Join us next Wednesday for a jam-packed evening of faith, fellowship, and (of course) a little bit of a mess. We’re diving into the joy of Easter and the resurrection with a full menu of activities, including crafts, food, games and even a relaxation space. Bring a friend, and let’s celebrate the Good News together!

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