

**APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**Resurrection of the Lord  
Easter ~ Communion  
April 5, 2026 11:00 a.m.**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PRELUDE** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" R.W.Thygerson

**WORDS of WELCOME**

**UNLOCKING THE ALLELUIAS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,  
Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said:  
Peace be with you!

**Lectern side: The Risen Christ is with us now, offering us  
the gift of peace.**

One: Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

**Pulpit side: We too have seen the Lord. Let us rejoice and  
give thanks!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**EASTER PRAYER**

**\* HYMN #245 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Carl Zukas

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

God of our longing, you raised Jesus Christ from the dead.  
We confess that the emptiness of the tomb often leaves us  
befuddled and disappointed. We know what we had hoped,  
but we can't see what has actually happened. We know the  
good news, but our hearts struggle to believe it. Open our  
eyes, our minds, our hearts. Reveal yourself in the  
confusion of our lives, so our lives might reveal Christ's  
risen presence, for we are his people. Amen.

**\* DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PROPHETIC LESSON** Jeremiah 31:1-6 OT p. 733

**MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 20:1-18 NT p.114

**PREACHING OF THE WORD** "Name"

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\* HYMN #241 "Woman, Weeping in the Garden"**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed p. 35

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory "Break Thou the Bread of Life"** L. Smith

**\*Doxology #606**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion (unison) Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.

**We Go Forth to Serve**

\* HYMN #246

“Christ is Alive!”

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

POSTLUDE “Crown Him with Many Crowns” arr. C. Tornquist

*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

*Wrapping our community in God’s love, one person at a time.*

*We believe that we are all ministers supported by:*

Rev. Niki Atkinson – Office Hours Tues. & Wed. 9:30-4:00

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*“Easter Lilies”*

*Photo taken by Rev. Niki Atkinson  
Longwood Gardens, 2010*

Today's Acolyte ~ *Gavin Motosicky*

**WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS**

Household: Charles, Kaitlyn Thompson & family  
 Dennis & Karen Travis  
 Faith Friends: Ed Bortz  
 Our Church: Staff  
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery  
 Presbytery: Northern New England (Synod of Northeast)  
 Denomination: Orthodox Church in America  
 Nation: Taiwan - Taipei

**IMMEDIATE** Chris, Jess & family, Ann, Kayley, Laura's nieces, Christine, our behind-the-scene church workers, Kelly's 40<sup>th</sup>!!, Lydia, Carole Kennedy, Pastor Niki's mom, Joey at Pinewood Derby, Michelle, Loretta ☺, Chris' car accident, Shirley Jackson, Yough students, Anne Cloonan, Scott Hubbard, The family of Carl Zukas, Sr., Jeff Kirkman home, Cathy, Chris Martin, **Adam, Cate & baby Rosalind ☺, Mel Sylvis, Doris Ann 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Nancy Campitella, Rodger.**

**CONTINUING** Shirley Coy, Cate Liska, SueEllen, Joanie, Laurie, family of Larry W., Liam, Kathy Wilson ☺, Grant, Thanks Kaminski, Gizzler & Hollabaughs for shoveling, **David Rose, Mary K., Amanda C, Dreana, Diane Chavara, Nancy Reynolds 99 years young!, Dorothy, Carol, Dave, Sue Ellen & Nick, , Shannan.**

**ONGOING**

Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, Chris Hilker, Carol Gallagher, Linda Gould, Snedecor family, Alan Shockey, Bonnie Machak, Lani Knox, Nick Arnoldy, Benjamin Mumaw, Sean George.

**MINISTRY** All those affected by the Coronavirus, flu, and RSV and those working in the health care field, first responders, research, and government. Food 4 Kids, AUPC Deacon's Emergency Fund, Support for our church, EPR Mugombwa; Victims of violence and natural disasters; President Donald Trump, our country, other world leaders, our church and its leaders, the war & military personnel, wounded military at home and in hospitals, terrorist victims, Kiskiminetas' Rwanda Partnership



Currently, in the vestibule near the ramp door, there is a box just waiting for donations for our Emergency Food Pantry. You may donate as you wish or see Nancy Russo for a list of "most needed" items. She can also provide you with a list of what is normally stocked. **Thanks for your donations!**

**April 5, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Worship	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<u>MONDAY</u>	Office Closed	
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<b>Kids Krafts</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Worship– Welcome Vivian Shaeffer	<b>11:00 AM</b>

**HELP THE NEXT FAMILY ENJOY OUR PRAYGROUND! PLEASE TIDY-UP AFTER YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND THAT AREA. THANK YOU!**

*In the vestibule you will find:  
**APRIL** Newsletter  
 Lenten Luncheon Schedules  
 Lenten Opportunities*

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**  
 April 5 ~ Nancy Russo & Amy Shupe  
 April 12 ~ Amy Shupe & Pam McMunn  
 April 19 ~ Laura Uncapher & Nancy Russo

**KID'S BAKE SALE, SUNDAY, 4/19**  
 Proceeds will be used to bolster the Church Camper's Fund!

**2026 GRADUATION DAY IS ALMOST HERE! IT IS AN AUPC TRADITION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALL GRADUATES WHO HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH OUR CHURCH. WE ARE ASKING YOUR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING THOSE GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, ETC. SO THEY MAY BE INCLUDED IN "GRADUATION SUNDAY" ON JUNE 14, DURING WORSHIP. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH THE GRADUATES INFO. THANKS!**



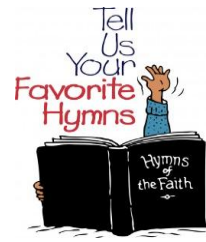
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**SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS ARE REGISTERING CAMPERS!**

Pine Springs Camp information is available online. Camps Lutherlyn and Lambec have information in our vestibule. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Amy Zukas @ 724-681-4044. If you're a perspective camper and have questions, speak with Miss Amy or to one of our kids who have already enjoyed church camp. Parents: There are several sources of funding available to get your kids to camp! See Miss Amy. **HAPPY CAMPING!**



**SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ SATURDAY, 4/18  
4:00 – 7:00 PM ADULTS \$12, KIDS UNDER 10  
\$8, UNDER 3 FREE! Benefits General Fund**



## "Hymns of Our Hearts"

Lots of us have favorite hymns...Pastor Niki wants to know YOURS! This summer, we will have a sermon series to focus on some of your favorite hymns, the scriptures they bring to mind, and what God is teaching us through them. Here's how to submit your favorite hymns to Pastor Niki for consideration:

- 1. Write your favorite hymns on the back of the yellow cards in the pew rack, or on a piece of paper, then put them into the offering plate for her to get later.**
- 2. Write a list of your favorite hymns and send via email to [pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net).**
- 3. Write your list and leave it in her mailbox next to the office.**

Your favorites don't have to be in our current hymnal. They don't have to be in the English language (but a translation is helpful!) Pastor Niki will tally up the submissions and choose the top 6 for our series. Thank you for your help!

