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April 5th, 2026

Easter Sunday

Prelude: "Glorious Day"

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **April 14th, Drive-Thru Ham Dinner \$10.00 ea. Call the church office 330 482-2382 to reserve your dinners. Pick-up is from 3 until sold out.**
- **April 12th we will start Adult Sunday School again. We will be studying Jesus in Me. A Bible Study written by Anne Gramh Lots. It is about the Holy Spirit and the part He plays in our lives. It will be led by Pastor Cyndi.**
- **There will be no Brunch this month, but will start back up in May. Chef Brad's Brunch is usually held on the Sunday of the month. It is a time where the church family can spend some extra time with each other, and share a meal. If you are able come join us on May 17th, that is when our next Brunch will be.**

***Opening Prayer:**

Risen Lord, On this radiant morning, we gather in the light of Your victory. You have rolled away the stone, scattered the shadows, and opened the way to life. Breathe Your resurrection hope into us. Awaken our hearts with joy that cannot be contained. Fill this place with the wonder of Your presence—renewing, restoring, and reminding us that nothing is stronger than Your love. Receive our worship, O Christ. Make us people of the risen life, alive with gratitude, courage, and grace. Alleluia! Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" 1,2,3,5 #302**

Call to Worship:

L: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

L: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

L: God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

L: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Remembering and Honoring our Loved Ones

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory: "Great Is the Lord Almighty"

*Doxology

#95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of New Beginnings, You roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ. Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently -- eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve. May what we give today help announce to the world that hope is alive, love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained. Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: Thine Be the Glory

#308

Celebration of Communion

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Gloria Patri

#70

Message: "The Day that Changed Everything"

Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "Up from the Grave He Arose"**

#322

Benediction

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

*Postlude

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You this morning with thanksgiving in our hearts. Throughout this past week, we have pondered the depth of the love You have shown us through the sacrifice of Your Son, who has saved our souls. You have revealed Your great power, which drives out fear. You have given us Your story in Scripture so that Your truth will never be forgotten. And You have placed within us Your Spirit, who strengthens our faith and teaches us to trust Your every Word.

Thank You, Father. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Spirit of the Living God.

We come as broken people, confessing that we do not always walk in the footsteps of Your Son. We drift toward the desires of this world, and we try to fix things on our own. Yet You wait with patience and mercy until we recognize our need for You. And when we cry out, You come without hesitation.

Thank You, Father. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Spirit of the Living God.

Today we ask that You touch our souls in such a way that our desire for You grows deeper than ever before. Shape our hearts so that we truly follow You—and so that our lives lead others toward You as well.

We have seen Your wonders in our lives. You have spared us from harm. You have healed us from illnesses that could have taken us from this world. You have given us wisdom when decisions weighed heavily on us. You have opened doors when we had no strength to choose. You have led us to places we would not have gone on our own, because Your confidence in us is greater than our confidence in ourselves.

You have given us our daily bread. You provide for our needs. Help us remember this today, so that our faith in You grows stronger than the mustard seed You spoke of.

There are those here—and those joining us virtually—who are in need of healing: physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Throughout Your Word, people came to You for healing, and You healed those who believed. We believe that You are the Great Physician. So we ask that You bring healing to all who cry out to You, according to Your will and for Your glory.

Lord, our world feels frightening for many. We wonder if our finances will be enough—enough to feed our families, fill our tanks, pay our bills. As prices rise and our income stays the same, worry creeps in. But remind us of the feeding of the five thousand, when You multiplied what seemed impossibly small. With You, all things are possible. Teach us to lean on You and grant us Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Help us remember that You will never leave us nor forsake us.

Thank You, Father. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Spirit of the Living God.

We lift up those who face war and danger every day, including our loved ones. Place a hedge of protection around Your people. Spare them from harm. Give them wisdom when life-or-death decisions must be made. Strengthen them with courage and surround them with Your presence.

And Lord, soften the hearts of those who have grown hardened. Turn hatred into compassion. Turn destruction into a longing for peace. May Your kingdom multiply as Your light breaks through the darkness.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.