

**Columbiana First United Methodist**  
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April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Easter Sunday

Prelude:

**\*Enter the Light of Christ**

**Pastor's Welcome**

**Announcements:**

- **April 14<sup>th</sup>, Drive-Thru Ham Dinner \$10.00 ea. Call the church office 330 482-2382 to reserve your dinners. Pick-up is from 4 pm until sold out.**
- **Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am. We will be studying Jesus in Me. A Bible Study written by Anne Graham Lots. It is about the Holy Spirit and the part He plays in our lives, led by Pastor Cyndi.**
- **April 15<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch House. 10 am, all are welcome, no reservations needed.**
- **April 15<sup>th</sup>, One Board meeting at 4:30 pm**

**\*Opening Prayer:**

**Holy and Risen Lord, you meet us even behind the locked doors of our hearts. Speak Your peace into our fear, breathe Your Spirit into our worship, and open us to the life You offer. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Victory in Jesus" #370**

**Call to Worship:**

L: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**P: Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

L: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**P: Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

L: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**P: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

Offertory:

**\*Doxology**

#95

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Compassionate and faithful God, You meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by Your grace, You call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to Your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn of Preparation: He Lives**

#310

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 16

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

**Gloria Patri**

#70

Message:

"Behind Locked Doors: Where Resurrection Finds Us" Pastor Cyndi

**\*Closing Hymn: "Mansion Over the Hilltop" (see insert)**

Benediction

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

**\*Postlude**

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

Dear Heavenly Father, and Risen Lord,

On this second Sunday of Easter, we come still carrying the echoes of last week's alleluias—and also the quiet places where joy has not yet fully taken root.

Thank You that You meet us in both.

You are the One who stepped into locked rooms and fearful hearts. Step into ours today. Where we are anxious, speak Your peace. Where we are doubting, show us Your wounded, healing love. Where we are weary, breathe Your Spirit upon us again.

We pray for those among us who long for Your resurrection life: for the sick and those recovering, for the grieving and the lonely, for caregivers who are stretched thin, for families under strain, for all who feel like Thomas—wanting to believe, yet aching for reassurance. Hold them close. Let Your presence be unmistakable.

Lord, I lift up my praise to You for the healing You have brought into my life. Thank You for removing the pain I was experiencing and for granting me a swift recovery. Your mercy and grace have enabled me to heal, and I am grateful for Your loving care.

We also praise Your name for the healing You have given to Catlynn. You have allowed her to bear full weight on her foot and walk with the support of just one crutch, moving closer to walking without any assistance. We ask that You continue to bring healing to her, so that all glory may be given to You.

Together with Betty, we rejoice and praise Your name for the removal of cancer from Betty Fennel. Her doctors have confirmed that the cancer is completely gone, and we acknowledge that it is by Your hand that this has happened. May Betty stand as a living testimony to Your power and faithfulness.

Lord, we bring before You Ken Duelly and his wife Dorothy. We ask for Your healing hand to be upon Ken as he recovers from the fall he experienced. Grant Dorothy comfort and peace during this time, as she supports him through his recovery. May everyone who surrounds them witness Your mighty works in Ken's life, and may all glory be given to You.

We pray for our community and our world—for places torn by violence, for leaders who need wisdom, for neighbors who need compassion, for all who hunger for justice, mercy, and daily bread. Make us instruments of Your peace, bearers of Your hope, witnesses to Your risen life.

And as You breathed new life into Your disciples, breathe into us the courage to live as Easter people—people who forgive, who serve, who love boldly, people who trust that death does not have the final word.

We offer all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and our Living Hope. Amen.