

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Easter Sunrise Service



Easter Sunrise Service — April 5, 2026

Worshipping God Together



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CALVARY UMC



At Calvary United Methodist Church, we believe that all means all.



Looking for a place where you are fully seen, known, and loved? **You've found it.**



Whether you're searching for a place to belong, a space to grow, or simply a community that embraces you just as you are — **you are welcome here.**



We open our **hearts, minds, and doors** to all our neighbors — welcoming everyone who seeks a community of support to grow in God's grace.



No matter your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status, or background... **You are God's beloved. You are welcome here.**

Join Us for Worship on Sundays at 11 AM — In Person or Online

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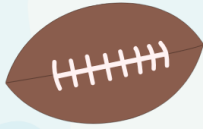
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SPRING BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 9 AM – 1 PM

**FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN JUST BLOCKS
FROM ACRISURE STADIUM!**

Activities Include

Marvel Superheroes • Face Painting • Balloon Animals
Open House Tours • Community Outreach Activities



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EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE



CALL TO WORSHIP †

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: **Christ has risen indeed.**

Leader: Faith, hope, and joy are alive.

People: **A new age is dawning, and death cannot harm us. God of all creation, we praise you. God of resurrection and eternal life, we have gathered in this garden to worship you and celebrate your victory.**

WORDS OF WELCOME †

OPENING HYMN † "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (Verses 1-4) – See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we gather in the early morning of your Resurrection. We have been mourning and weeping believing that you have been taken from us. Instead, you meet us in the garden of new life. Here, in this sacred place, we discover that you are alive, that sin and death cannot defeat you. Now our tears of sorrow turn to tears of joy as we experience your presence among us. Today, we begin to understand that joy comes from grief. You call us to go into the world to share this good news, and because we are not left alone, we can pray your prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895 UMH

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

HYMN "In the Garden" – See Insert

GOSPEL LESSON † John 20:1-18 NRSV

- 1 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.
- 2 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."
- 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.
- 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
- 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed,
- 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
- 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.
- 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb,
- 12 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.

- 13 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."
- 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- 15 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."
- 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).
- 17 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.'"
- 18 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."

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "In the Garden again!" – Rev. Beth L. Nelson

UNISON PRAYER

Lord, we have so much to be thankful for this Easter morning. In the chill of the morning air, we do feel the warm blessing of your Spirit. We can rejoice this day because our tendency toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for faith. We are truly amazed that a cross of crucifixion has been transformed into a symbol of new life, a symbol of eternal life. We are thankful that you come to greet us in a garden of hope, trust, and faith. We thank you that a dark and empty tomb has emerged into a garden of light and living. In all our days, we shall live for Christ, the resurrected and risen Savior. Amen.

HYMN † "He Lives" – See Insert

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION PRAYER †

- Leader: God of Alleluias and empty tombs, God of garden plots and good news, it is Easter. It is *finally* Easter.
- People: **In a world full of grief and heartache, in a world full of violence and oppression, in a world full of loss and separation, we long for this day because Easter sings a different song. Easter sings a song of hope.**
- Leader: Easter sings a song of new life. Easter sings a song of love that makes you want to jump out of your chair and run barefoot to the tomb.
- People: **Easter smells of fresh flowers and baked bread.**
- Leader: It sounds like trumpets and laughter. It feels like a crowded table and a warm hug.
- People: **Yes, Easter sings a different song. So in a world full of grief, help us to cling to Easter's hope. In a world full of grief, help us hear this story of good news. In a world full of grief, we're ready to jump out of our chairs and run barefoot to the tomb. With hope we pray, with hope we listen, amen.**

BENEDICTION †

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – EASTER SUNDAY

- **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** | 7:00 AM | West End Overlook
- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 9:30–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00–10:30 AM | Choir Loft
- **Easter Celebration Service** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **Communion** | During Church | Sanctuary
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Church | Chapel
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 6

- **Sleeping Bag Ministry** | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:00–7:00 PM | Choir Loft
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
- **Hand Bell Rehearsal** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Music Office

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

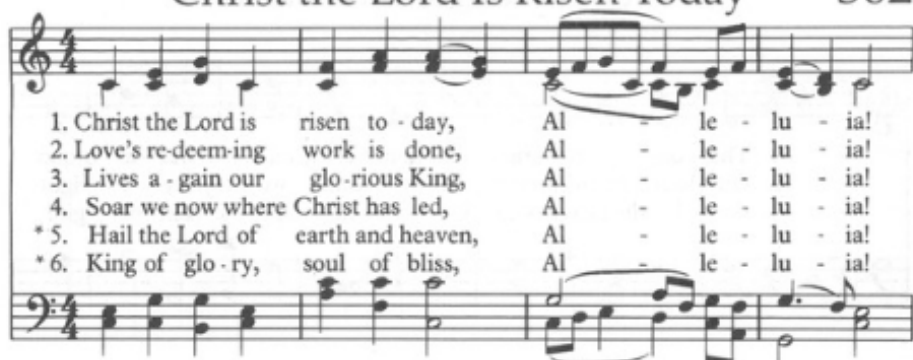
- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00–9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

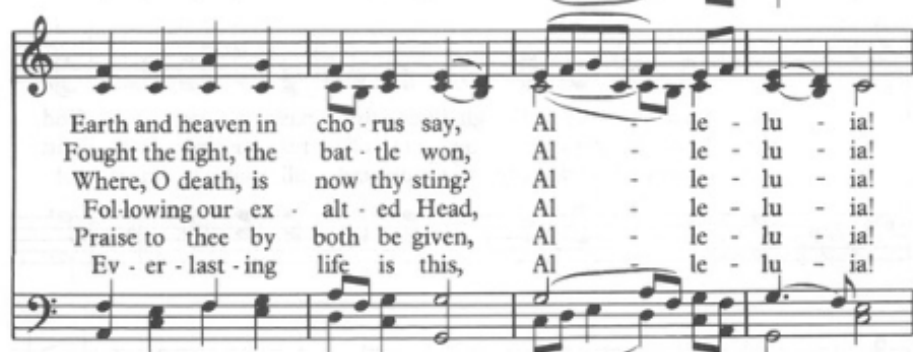
- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00–11:30 AM | Parlor

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 9:30–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Opening Gathering** | 9:45–10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Bible Study – Spiritual Gifts** | 10:00–10:45 AM | Chapel
- **Sunday School (K–3rd, 4th–6th)** | 10:00–10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday School (7th–12th)** | 10:00–10:45 AM | Christian Education Office
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00–10:45 AM | Choir Loft
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Church | Fellowship Hall
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall



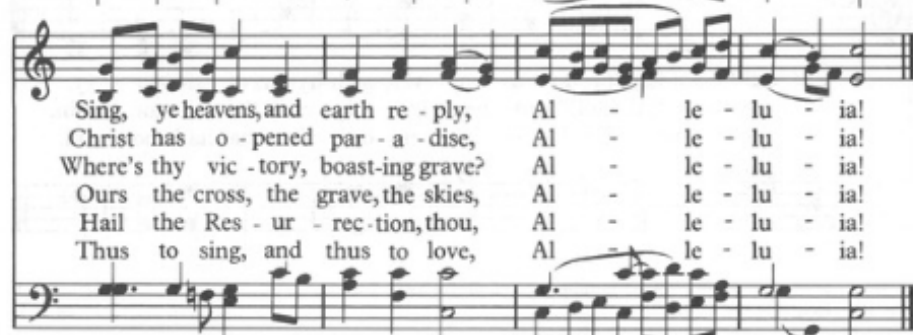
1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo-ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!



Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol-lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um-phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - disc, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast-ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

In the Garden

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Tho' the

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dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
 sweet the birds hush their singing; And the mel - o - dy that He
 night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go; thro' the

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on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
 voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

In the Garden

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody in the upper staff begins with a dotted quarter note, followed by eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are positioned below the upper staff.

1 tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has three flats. The melody in the upper staff continues from the first system. A first ending bracket is placed above the first measure of this system. The lyrics are positioned below the upper staff.

4 tar - ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has three flats. The melody in the upper staff continues from the second system. A fourth ending bracket is placed above the first measure of this system. The lyrics are positioned below the upper staff.

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3. Re - joice, re-joice, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say.
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear-ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
(he lives) (he lives)

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!
(he lives) (he lives)

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.

You ARE GOD'S BELOVED.
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