

ICE-BREAKERS

- 1 Mary didn't recognize Jesus at first and thought He was the gardener. Have you ever had a moment where you didn't realize something or someone meaningful was right in front of you until later?
- 2 When Jesus calls Mary by name, everything changes. What's a time in your life when hearing your name or being personally seen made a big impact on you?

SERMON BASED

- 1 The disciples and Mary saw the same empty tomb but responded differently. What are some reasons we might 'go home' spiritually instead of staying in moments where God might want to meet us?
- 2 Mary stayed in her grief and confusion long enough to encounter Jesus. How do you typically respond when you don't understand what God is doing, and what might it look like to 'stay' in those moments?

BEYOND THE TEXT

- 1 If those who stay become those who are sent, where might God be calling you to linger longer in His presence so that your life can bear greater fruit?
- 2 Mary moved from encounter to commission. What is one specific way you can carry the message of resurrection (hope, new life, or love) into someone else's life this week?



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH 2026

CONFIRMATION - COMMUNION YOUTH SUNDAY

10:30AM

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously

ORDER of WORSHIP

2 Corinthians
5:17 (NRSV)

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Meah Johnson

PRELUDE *Easter Jubilation* | arr. Jason Payne Scott Turner

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Noah Krites

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

People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

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

People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

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

People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

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

People: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

+ OPENING PRAYER Ashlynn Shaffer

In Your hand, we see the whole cosmos, Heaven and earth reflect the mystery of Your handiwork. In Your hand, we see a little child, men and women are recaptured by the event of Bethlehem. In thy hand, we see the scar of the cross. Sin and death are vanquished by thy suffering on Golgotha. In thy hand, behold a new light, day and night are transformed in the glory of Easter morning.

TIME OF GREETING

+ SONG *Risen for Me* Sunday School Children

+ HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen* Jeremy Laukhuf

ANTHEM *Easter Fantasia* | arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir

Congregation Invited to Sing



The Goal: Kitchen Upgrades - specifically Stove Replacements
The Impact: From weekly fellowships to community outreach, our kitchen serves countless plates and creates a place for all.

+ SCRIPTURE *A NEW START* Lillie Best

SERIES

John 20: 1 – 18
Journey's End/A New Start

MESSAGE Pastor Christian



OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY #308 v.1 *Thine Be the Glory* | UMH Scott Turner

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Aiden Bockrath – Confirmed and Baptized – First UMC

Aubrey Osborn – Confirmed and Baptized – First UMC

Logan Heffelfinger – Confirmed – Ohio City UMC

Elora Hogan – Confirmed – First UMC

Addisyn Karl – Confirmed – First UMC

Vivian Laukhuf – Confirmed – First UMC

Elijah Pollock – Confirmed – First UMC

Nalla Shaffer – Confirmed – First UMC

Willow Snyder – Confirmed – First UMC

Jackson Spieles – Confirmed – First UMC

Dillon Staas – Confirmed – First UMC

HOLY COMMUNION Leah Krites and Grace Spieles

+ SPOKEN BLESSING Pastor Christian

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah* | by G.F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.
Thank you for worshipping with us, and for your continued generosity and support.

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTOR
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
SCOTT TURNER
WORSHIP LEADER
JEREMY LAUKHUF

VIDEOGRAPHER
DAVE THOMPSON
PROJECTIONIST
ELORA HOGAN
SOUND ENGINEER
JUSTIN SIEFKER

ANNOUNCER
YOUTH
ACOLYTES
HENRY AND ETTA
SCHAFFNER

USHERS
NEIL SHAFFER
DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.
SCREEN CREATORS
MARY ANN FALK
JEREMY LAUKHUF
MELODY TAYLOR