



April 5, 2026 - Livestream  
Easter Sunday

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Alleluia*

R. Thompson  
Voices in Accord

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Leader: The Risen Christ is our strength,

**People: who overcomes the power of sin and death!**

Leader: The Risen Christ is our hope,

**People: who raises us from fear and despair!**

Leader: Let the earth rejoice! Alleluia!

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #302

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

***Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!***

***Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!***

***Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!***

***Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!***

***Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!***

***Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!***

***Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!***

***Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!***

***Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!***

***Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!***

***Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!***

***Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!***

***Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!***

***Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!***

***Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!***

***Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!***

***Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!***

***Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!***

***Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!***

***King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!***

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

*Alleluia/Up From The Grave He Arose*

W. Mozart/ R. Lowry  
Denise Caraher, director, Jim Caraher, piano

OPENING PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

**Glory to you, O God of love:  
On this day you won the victory over death  
by raising Jesus from the grave  
and making him the Lord of life.  
Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive in Christ,  
may proclaim your hope and praise your victory,  
through your Spirit this day and forevermore. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb*

V. Johnson

Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb! Shout and give thanks unto the great I AM!  
Shout Hallelujah, rejoice and sing Hallelujah to the risen King!

King Jesus hung on the cruel tree, He gave his life for you and me.  
The women came at the break of day. The angel rolled that old stone away.  
Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb!

My Savior rose up from the grave, in his hands was all power to save.  
The Lord reigns in victory, He has risen indeed!  
Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb!

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord because God is good,

**People: because God's faithful love lasts forever.**

Leader: Let Israel say it:

**People: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"**

Leader: The Lord was my strength and protection;

**People: The Holy One was my saving help!**

Leader: The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance  
are heard in the tents of the righteous:

**People: "The Lord's strong hand is victorious!  
The Sovereign One's strong hand is exalted!  
The Lord's strong hand is victorious!"**

Leader: I will not die—no, I will live  
and declare what the Lord has done.

**People: Yes, the Lord definitely disciplined me,  
but did not hand me over to death.**

Leader: Open the gates of righteousness for me  
so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!  
This is the Lord's gate;

those who are righteous enter through it.

**People: I thank you because you answered me,  
because you were my saving help.**

Leader: The stone rejected by the builders  
is now the main foundation stone!  
This has happened because of the Holy One;  
it is astounding in our sight!

**People: This is the day the Lord acted;  
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul George

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. <sup>2</sup> Think about the things above and not things on earth. <sup>3</sup> You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #177

*He is Lord*

sung twice

***He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jill Moffett

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #162

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*Sanctus from Requiem*

J. Rutter

Braedon Bomgardner, glockenspiel

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabbaoth, Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis. (Missa pro defunctis)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and majesty. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord our God.  
Hosanna in the highest.

\*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Alleluia! Hear the Gospel of Christ.

**People: Glory to Christ our Savior. Alleluia!**

Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Leader: Alleluia! This is the Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**

SERMON

*Hope Turns*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN #307

*Christ is Risen*

***Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.***

***Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.***

***In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.***

***Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.***

***Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.***

***Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.***

***Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;***

***Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.***

***Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.***

***Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.***

***Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"***

***God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: Go forth with joy. Jesus Christ is risen!

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: You are witnesses to the resurrection,  
messengers of the everlasting peace,  
and servants of the eternal hope!

**People: Christ shall reign forever! Hallelujah!**

Leader: Grace and peace to all through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Symphony No.5*

C.M. Widor

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Frank Hirschman, April 9, 1936-March 21, 2009,  
by Sue Hirschman, Ann Cottingham, Susan and Andy McBride, John and Leigh Ann Hirschman  
and grandchildren.*

### Easter Season Events:

Wednesday Night Bible Studies, 6:30pm:

Bible Basics, April 15-May 6

Confederacy of the Covenant: A Study of Joshua, Judges and Ruth,  
April 8-May 13

UWF Sunday Supper, April 12, noon, Fellowship Hall

Youth Egg-stra Late Egg-stravaganza, April 12, 12:30 – 3:00pm

Earth Day Sunday, April 26

Sound Bath Meditation, April 26, 6pm, Chapel

### Today's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

*Senior Pastor*

Jill Moffett

*Pastor of Community  
Formation*

Brandon Wallace

*Minister of Christian  
Education*

John Hague

Allen McCormack

Eric Russell

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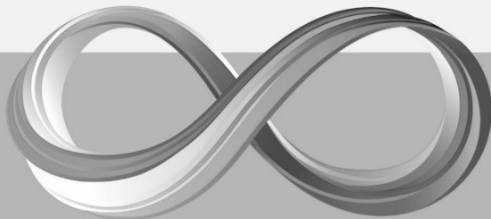
Kathleen Hacker

*Interim Director of Music*

Heather Hinton

*Oraanist*

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## Let's Talk Neurodiversity and Faith

Keynote Speaker Daniel Bowman, Jr.

Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

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