

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.”

Luke 24:5

“Peace be with you.”

John 20:26

They left the tomb quickly with reverence and great joy.

Matthew 28:8

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

I Corinthians 15:26

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns,” *George J. Elvey arr. Judy East Wells*

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Proclamation

Christ Is Risen! *Christ Is Risen, Indeed!*

Introit (6x)

Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn 236**

“The Strife is O’er”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response (2x)

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 243 (3x)**

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World

Eritrea, Ethiopia

Response 250, v.1

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

First Pew

Response 250, v.3

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

“Between Grief & Hope”

***Hymn 248**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Shine on Me,” *arr. Rollo Dilworth*

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord

***Sending 246, v. 1, 5**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news
to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.*

***Postlude**

“Trumpet Tune,” *John Stanley arr. S. Drummond Wolff*

A peacemaker receives a wound. **Yoruba proverb**

Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul. **Emily Dickinson**

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. **Martin Luther**

Every morning we are born again. What we do today is what matters most. attributed to **the Buddha**

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Resurrection of the Lord Sunday • April 5

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Luke 24:1-12

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service – Morgan’s Grove Park pavilion

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary / Zoom

No Sunday Studio - Nursery is available for children under 5

5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Wednesday, April 8

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, April 9

7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall / Hybrid

Friday, April 10

5:00 p.m. Sing-a-long for the Animals – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 11

10:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall / Hybrid

Sunday, April 12 • Second Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 Psalm 111:1 1Peter 1:3 John 20:19-31

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Sanctuary / Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:30 p.m. Autism Acceptance Event – Fellowship Hall

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Easter

Resurrection of the Lord Sunday

April 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

In the Direction of Hope

I am on my way.
Wait for me in the garden;
I will be there soon.

I’m not the fastest runner,
Lord knows that,
but these legs are moving.

I suppose I could blame my weary spirit for my slow speed.
I could blame the grief I’ve shoved into my pockets and
laid around my neck.
I could blame my own hesitation to hope,
a hesitation that clings like mud.

But I don’t know that Jesus cares about my speed.
So tell God when you see them –
I am on my way.
Wait for me in the garden.
I will be there soon.

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