

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 5, 2026

6:30 A.M.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18

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.

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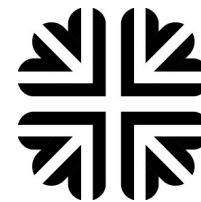
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunrise Service, April 5, 2026

Welcome to Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship at Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

We are blessed by your presence and greet you in the name of The Risen Lord!

Prelude

Because He Lives

arr. Gil

Welcome

Rev. Rob Schoonover

Responsive Call to Worship:

Psalm 118

Leader: He is not in the tomb. He is risen!

People: **Christ has come, Christ has died, Christ has risen indeed- Alleluia!**

Leader: The Light triumphs over the darkness; The life of God triumphs over the power of death.

People: **Death has lost its sting! Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! He was slain but is alive. We know our Redeemer is Alive!

All: **Let us worship the Living God.**

*Hymn of Praise

Jesus Christ Has Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

1. **Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once up-on the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
3. **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**
4. **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Praise and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (see reverse)

Scripture Focus: John 20:1-18

Meditation

“Surprised?”

Rev. Rob Schoonover

Special Music

Was It a Morning Like This?

Aniyah Gordon

Jim Croegaert

*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

Lord of Light and Life, God of Power and Purpose,
Thank you that you gave your life as a ransom for us.
Through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
You have overcome death, and conquered sin!
In Jesus, our risen Lord, you opened the gate of everlasting life.
Thank you, O Master, that you are the Light of the World,
Thank you, O Good Shepherd, that you are present with us always,
Thank you, O King, that you are the Resurrection and the Life.
Grant that we, being dead to sin, and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
May reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,
One God, now and forever. Amen

*Hymn of Commitment

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

KINGDOM

1. **Woman, weeping in the garden, who has pushed the stone aside? Who has taken Jesus' body, Jesus Christ the crucified?**
2. **Woman, waiting in the garden, after men have come and gone, after angels give their witness, silently you watch the dawn.**
3. **Woman, walking in the garden, Jesus takes you by surprise; when the gardener calls you, “Mary!” faith and joy meet in your eyes.**
4. **Woman, weeping in the garden, weep for joy, for you have seen Jesus, the Messiah, risen; Christ, of whom the prophets dream.**
5. **Woman, dancing from the garden, find the others and proclaim Christ is risen as he promised; tell the world he knew your name!**

*Charge and Benediction

Also participating in Worship this morning:

Dr. Angie Gil, keyboard

**Those who are able, please stand.*