



**The Order of Worship**

**April 5, 2026  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** Easter Carillon

Robert J. Powell

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)\*\*

Rev. Gradye Parsons

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.  
**All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**  
 One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.  
**All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**  
 One: The good news is dancing!  
**All: The good news is on the loose!**  
 One: The good news has gone ahead of you, calling your name!  
**All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**  
 One: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 232** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\***

Gracious God,  
 we want to be Easter people.  
 We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.  
 We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.  
 We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid,"  
 but we are afraid.  
 And we don't know where to look.  
 And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing.  
 So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.

**We are best intentions and best laid plans.  
 We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias."  
 We are on our way, but we are not there yet.**

**Show us how to embody your good news in this world.  
 Show us how to be your Easter people.  
 With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.**

**\*RESPONSE** Day of Delight

IN DIR EST FREUDE

**\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS\*\***

One: Family of faith,  
 even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. He is going ahead of you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

**All: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*RESPONSE (Sing twice)** Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (9:00) Jennifer Manrod; (11:00) Jacqui Whittemore

(11:00) Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 28:1-10

**HOMILY**

"He is going ahead of you."

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

**\*HYMN NO. 248** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem Charles Villiers Stanford

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Your sweetest notes employ, The Paschal victory to hymn In strains of holy joy.  
 For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, Crushing the serpent's head; And cries aloud through death's domains To wake the imprisoned dead.  
 Devouring depths of hell their prey At his command restore; His ransomed hosts pursue their way Where Jesus goes before.  
 Triumphant in his glory now To him all power is given; To him in one communion bow All saints in earth and Heaven.  
 While we, His soldiers, praise our King, His mercy we implore, Within his palace bright to bring And keep us evermore.  
 All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son, All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, While endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 609** Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Responsive)\*\*

One: The Lord be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**  
 One: Lift up your hearts.  
**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**  
 One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
 One: Risen Christ, Good News God....And thank you for meeting us here, as you always do.

One: Today we celebrate the good news...And may we always remember: alleluias came after the grave.

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**BREAKING OF BREAD**

*Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.  
The bread and cup can be consumed as they are received.  
All pre-cut bread is gluten free.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** Christ is Risen

William Rowan

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*\***

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN** O God, Beyond All Praising (see insert)

THAXTED

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*\***

**One:** May you go from this place as resurrected people.  
May you grieve without surrendering to despair,  
and name injustice without being consumed by rage.  
May you carry fear and great joy in the same trembling hands.

**Many:** **May we find Christ already present in the ordinary and mundane, the forgotten and broken, the beautiful and sorrowful spaces.**

**One:** And may you go as people who believe,  
who live out resurrection,  
who witness the good news already alive in the world.

**Many:** **For death does not have the last word. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** Toccata from *Symphonie V*

Charles-Marie Widor

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

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Benediction by the Rev. Hee Won Chang, minister at Hope Uniting Church in Maroubra.

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**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Emily Gustafson, Bobby Powell

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL:** Lisa Ellis

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Adelina Lewis and Hugh Dowty

**GREETERS** (11:00): Rick and Janice Rawe

**LITURGIST:** Rev. Gradye Parsons

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir; Treble Choir; Brass Choir: Andrew Layne and Micah Purvis, Trumpet, Carl Whipple and Robert Ingram, Trombone

**SENIOR USHER:** Tim Ryan

**USHERS:** (9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham, Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Kathy Huck (11:00) John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Brenda Seip, Kathy Shilling, Ken Hughes, Maria Gall

**SHEPHERD:** Hap McSween

**O God Beyond All Praising**

1.O God be-yond all prais-ing we wor-ship you to-day And  
 2.The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die, Its  
 3.Then hear, O gra-cious Sa-vior, ac-cept the love we bring, That

sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay; For  
 frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high; But  
 we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King; And

we can on-ly won-der at ev-ry gift you send, At  
 hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown, Though  
 whe-ther our to-mo-rows be filled with good or ill, We'll

bles-sings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end. We  
 small in mor-tal stat-ure to heav-en's gar-den grown. For  
 tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still, To

lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word; We  
 Christ, the man from heav-en from death has set us free, And  
 mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways, And

hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

**Stanza 2: Choir Alone**

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**PRAYER LIST** (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Vicki Chapman, Barbara McNew, Breeze Blankenship, Lucinda Albiston, Cile Mathews, Betty Collins, Byron Morginen, Dixie Rury (friend of Mary Sophia Hawks), Gloria Borum’s brother Mike, Charlie Mercer, Donna Davis, the Manrod family, Fay Adams, Melani Rogers.

**EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT TODAY!** The buffet will begin in the Schilling Gallery at 10:00am. Following the breakfast, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for all kids 0-10 years old (big kids are welcome to help set up) beginning at 10:30am..

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** will meet on April 12 to plan for Youth Sunday as well as to play capture the flag! April 13 is the Nehemiah Action Assembly for JUSTICE KNOX! The youth and their families are invited to meet downtown for dinner at 5:00pm, and we will head over to the assembly together afterwards. Assembly begins at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to Amanda so she can make a dinner reservation.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children Preschool through 5th grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** We will meet this Thursday at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room.

Our speaker will be Amy Brace, principal of West View Elementary. We will also enjoy a delicious breakfast that will be provided by Bill West. Join us for good food, fellowship, and an interesting program. Bring a friend or family member. Ladies are welcome.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (10:00am)**

*will resume next Sunday*

**Adult Bible Study:** Reading the Book of Acts. (Adult/Handbell Room next to the Prayer Room)

**Feasting on the Word:** Studies scriptures used in Worship (McKinnon)

**The Wired Word:** Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

**New Adult Education Class Series:** *To Hear the Voices of Palestinian Christians* will be lead by Rev. Ann Owens Brunger on April 12 and 26, May 3, 10, and 17 (foyer of Lisa Kaufman Hall)

**WPC HIKE** Our next WPC hike will occur on River Bluff Trail in the Norris watershed on Monday, April 6. River Bluff is revered as one of the best wildflower trails in the area! Rain date will be Tuesday, April 7. We'll gather at the Karm parking lot (140 North Forest Park Blvd in Bearden--formerly Earth Fare) at 8:30am to organize carpools-- or meet at the Lenoir Museum, 2121 Norris Freeway, at 9:10am to pack cars before proceeding to the trailhead. Bring water, poncho, lunch, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Hike distance is ~3 miles round trip with some short climbs.

**9:00 AM PAVILION WORSHIP** begins **Sunday, April 12**, followed by the 10:00am Sunday School and 11:00am worship in sanctuary.

**JUSTICE KNOX NEWS- HELP WANTED!** On Monday, April 13, at 7:00pm we need your help to pack the



Knoxville Civic Auditorium with 2026 people. More people means more influence with our city and county officials when it comes to solving problems like housing, homelessness, and transportation. Just by showing up at our Nehemiah Action Assembly in front of our two mayors, council people, and commissioners, you can make a positive difference with our neighbors in need.

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## Easter Flowers 2026

### Donor(s)

Laura Barron . . . . . In honor of our church family and our devoted staff  
Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren . . . . . In loving memory of Clark  
Ivan Beltz and Donna Davis . . . . . In memory of Nancy Beltz, Edna and George Beltz,  
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Buz and Lucy Johnson . . . . . In memory of their parents, Ewing and Bernice Johnson;  
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Max and Ellie Yates, Jonah and Samerra Yates, and Luke Yates,  
Patrick and Ryan Toomey

### Dedication

### WE ARE HOSTING another "RISE AGAINST HUNGER"

Meal Packaging Event here at Westminster on Sunday,  
May 17 at 12:45pm. The event lasts approximately two  
hours. Several years ago, we had this and it was a huge  
success and so rewarding in many ways! As a reminder,  
all who plan to attend our event should register using this  
event page:



<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000sbgXW>

SUMMER CAMP will be held July 20-24 for ages Pre-K through 8th Grade from 9am  
to 2pm. Scan the QR Code located on the posters throughout the church to register.

MUSIC CONCERT: The Choirs of Westminster Presbyterian and The Episcopal  
Church of the Ascension with members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra  
present *Great Mass in C Minor* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart on Sunday, April 26 at  
5:30pm at Westminster. The soloists are Meredith Mackay, Ruth Ann Bendy, Jason  
Kindel, and Kyle Foster. There will be a reception to follow in the Schilling Gallery.  
The concert is free and open to all.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been set for April 12 following the 11:00am  
worship service for the purpose of electing the Class of 2029 Elders and Trustee. The  
slate nominated is: Lisa Ellis, Rob McKeegan, David Owens, Mandy Voith, Carl  
Whipple, Katie Jones (youth), and Dick Ray (trustee).

ALL CHURCH RETREAT NEWS: We need your help! Do you have used or new  
Legos and/or Lego Duplos that you could donate to the church? On account of all 145  
participants using them throughout the weekend, we need a lot of them! The  
important thing is they have to be the Lego brand so that they will all connect.

OFFERING: You are welcome to give during the  
offering as the plates are shared, or you may  
contribute online through our secure giving page:  
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