

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
April 5, 2026
Easter Sunrise Worship

Weather permitting, please gather on the front lawn

Greeting

Call to Worship:

Leader: Christ has risen!

All: Christ has risen indeed.

Leader: Faith, hope, and joy are alive.

All: A new age is dawning, and death cannot harm us.

God of all creation, we praise you.

**God of resurrection and eternal life,
we have gathered in this garden to worship you
and celebrate your victory.**

Opening Hymn - Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Allelulia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Allelulia!
Raise you joys and triumphs high, Allelulia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Allelulia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Allelulia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Allelulia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Allelulia!
Christ has opened paradise, Allelulia!**

**Lives again, our glorious King, Allelulia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting, Allelulia!
Once he died our souls to save, Allelulia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Allelulia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Allelulia!
Following our exalted head, Allelulia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Allelulia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Allelulia!**

Please process into the sanctuary

Unison Prayer: Loving God, we gather in the early morning of your Resurrection. We have been mourning and weeping believing that you have been taken from us. Instead, you meet us in the garden of new life. Here, in this sacred place, we discover that you are alive, that sin and death cannot defeat you. Now our tears of sorrow turn to tears of joy as we experience your presence among us. Today, we begin to understand that joy comes from grief. You call us to go into the world to share this good news, and because we are not left alone, we can pray your prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Introduction to Mary Magdalene

Clearing the Myths

From Celebration to the Crucifixion

My Lord is Dead – All Hope is Gone

I've Just Seen Jesus!



UMH 364 - Because He Lives

Now What?

UMH 310 - He Lives

Closing Prayer and Benediction

