



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Prelude

Lass mich dein sein und bleiben

Strungk

Greetings

*The assembly responds or joins in unison when our text is **bold**.*

Centering Words:

Amid events beyond our understanding, God appears to us from afar, yet touches us where we are. God's love spans time and space, yet wraps itself around us here and now.

Call to worship:

Come and see, come and rejoice!

We come, seeking Jesus of Nazareth.

Enter into this time of worship and receive the good news of peace.

God is our strength and our song.

Jesus promises to meet you along life's way.

Christ is risen, we want to tell the world!

*Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

♯ UMH # 302

1.

**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!**

2.

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!**

3.

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

4.

**Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

5.

**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!**

6.

**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!**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 302
Words: Charles Wesley, 1739
Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Call to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of assurance

Special Music

First Methodist Brass

First Reading: **Acts 10:34-43**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Crown Him, the Risen King

Larson

Second Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Reading: **John 20:1-18**

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Preparation

Seek Ye First

UMH # 405

1.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.**

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2.

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.**

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 405
Words: Karen Lafferty , 1972
Music: Karen Lafferty, 1972
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Message

“Hope Has Come”

Musical Response

First Methodist Brass

Invitation to the Offering

*As you feel led, please place your offering and/or completed connection card
in the basket at the back of the chapel, or text your gift to 833-756-0325,
or Contribute Now on our website: www.elyriafirstumc.org.*

Offertory

Litanies

Alain

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

♪ UMH # 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 95

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH; Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

*Offertory Prayer:

God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ. Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently -- eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve. May what we give today help announce to the world that hope is alive, love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained. Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

Sharing in Holy Communion

Announcements

*Closing Hymn

Up from the Grave He Arose

♪ UMH # 322

1.

**Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

Chorus:

**Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, With His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

2.

**Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!**

Chorus

3.

**Death cannot keep its Prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!**

Chorus

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 322

Words: Robert Lowry, 1874

Music: Robert Lowry, 1874

Benediction

Postlude

First Methodist Brass

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

♪ UMH ~ *United Methodist Hymnal* (hard cover hymnal)

♪ FWS - *The Faith We Sing* (soft cover hymnal)

Worship Participants

Preaching: Rev. Marcus Atha

Liturgist: Bailey Borer

Media Specialists: Denise Smith and David Wilm

Musicians: Kingsley Wood, Jack Roberts and the Chancel Choir

Sound: Neal Hubbard

Ushers and Greeters: Mike Gebhardt, Garry Gibbs, Bruce Schneider, and Mike Zahnke

This service is broadcast live on the radio station WOBL 1320 AM and 107.7 FM. Today's radio broadcast is sponsored with money given for our radio ministry. Thank you to those who donate which allows us to continue our radio ministry as we share God's love with the radio audience and the community.

The Easter altar flowers are given in loving memory of, in appreciation of, or in honor of loved ones. See insert.

If you are interested in joining our church family, or if you have any pastoral needs or prayer concerns, please call the church office at 440.322.6622.



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Third Street Review



April 5, 2026

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**"Christ the Lord is risen today,
sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, ye heavens, and Earth reply."**

~ Charles Wesley

April Mission focus:

Peace with Justice

United Methodists relate by seeking peaceful solutions, creating, and supporting peace-related ministries in our conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice and serve as reconcilers of conflict. Donations for this support programs and ministries to educate, equip, and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Half of the funds collected on this Special Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to strengthen social justice ministries within the local conference.

Donations will be collected all month and can be made by cash, checks (indicate ***Peace with Justice*** on the memo line) or online on-line via our website: elyriafirstumc.org.

"The great gift of Easter is hope."

~ Basil C. Hume

New Church Plan

In May and June, we will continue with regular Sunday services (*no first Sunday service*) while also beginning to communicate more clearly about what is coming next. During this time, we will be finalizing staffing roles, building volunteer teams, and beginning needed work in our building.

We will also be organizing a Spring Clean of our facility, inviting everyone to participate in preparing our space for this next season.

We will host a **Spring Open House on May 16th**, and volunteers are needed to help make this a welcoming and successful event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Julie Joy in the church office. **Call Julie at 440.322.6622 Tuesday-Thursday 9 am - 4 pm.**

Free Hygiene Store

We are grateful for your continued support of this much needed ministry. Being open to the community and filling in the gap for many families is a blessing!

Our needs for April include:

- **Baby Wash and Lotion**
- **Cleaning Supplies** (glass, bathroom, and toilet bowl cleaners)
- **Laundry & Dish Soap**
- **Shampoo & Conditioner** (dry shampoo too)
- **Women's and Men's Body Wash**

Please place these items in the box located on the main level. The store will be open on **Saturday, April 25th** from **10 am-12 pm!**

Free Clothing Store

We are accepting clothing, coats, blankets, and linens. Please place items in the box on the main level. The store will be open to the community next **Saturday, April 25th** **10 am-12 pm.**

Open Sponsorship Dates

Altar Flower dates: **Cost \$22**

May 10, 17, 24, and 31

Radio dates: **Cost \$300** (*includes advertising!*)

April 12 and 19

Please call the church office at 440.322.6622 to reserve your special date!

Attention Parents and Grandparents

Summer is approaching and East Ohio Camps are opening their doors for visits. Open houses and Summer Camp Preview Days will take place April 25th at Camp Wanake from 2-6 pm, and May 3rd from 2-5 pm Camp Aldersgate. Summer Camp is a place for campers in grades 1-12 to enjoy the outdoors, learn new skills, have exciting experiences, and make lasting friendships - all while being guided by skilled, creative, and compassionate staff.

Special opportunities for young adults Grade 9 through age 20 are available at Lakeside Institute. If you have questions, please call the Camps and Retreat Ministries office at 330.499.3972 extension 139 or e-mail at campps@eocumc.com. Help your child, grandchild, or neighbor have a rewarding summer experience. Scholarships are available.

Fellowship Time

Come, enjoy goodies and wonderful fellowship in the **Parlor** after worship today, **Sunday, April 19th.**

312 Happy Hour

Join us for a great meal, fun, and fellowship on **April 14th and 28th** at noon in **Fellowship Hall!**

Scripture readings for the week:

Sunday, April 5: **Acts 10:34-43; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Colossians 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10**

Monday, April 6: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21;
Colossians 3:5-11**

Tuesday, April 7: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17**

Wednesday, April 8: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10**

Thursday, April 9: **Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5**

Friday, April 10: **Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Saturday, April 11: **Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20**

Sunday, April 12: **Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31**

*"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope,
renewal and new life."*

~Janine di Giovanni

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Easter Flower Dedications

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Sheila André de la Porte

Neal & Cheryl Hubbard

Carol Stomieroski

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IN APPRECIATION

Families of all types

Our family

My Family

My Family

GIVEN BY

John & Paula Hammond

Denise Smith

IN HONOR

Our 4 children, their spouses, and 9 grandchildren

Our wonderful church volunteers

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Borer Family

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Loving family

Denise Smith

Carol Turnbull

Debra Wahl

Yearley family

IN LOVING MEMORY

Joan Borer, mother, grandmother;
Jeff Borer, brother, uncle;
Nancy Borer, sister-in-law, aunt;
David Turnbull, grandfather

All my loved ones

My parents, Gene & JoAnn Demchak; and brother,
Jim Demchak

June Turner

Our parents, Fred & Edna Erdman;
Sister, Denise Cyrek

Our loved ones

Loved ones of the Grobe & Edwards families

Howard Mayne

Michael McFrederick

Charles Miller

Loved ones

Our parents and grandparents

Tom Overs

My parents, Bob & Elaine; and brother, Terry

My husband, David Turnbull

Husband, Richard Wahl

Our parents, Harry & Norma

