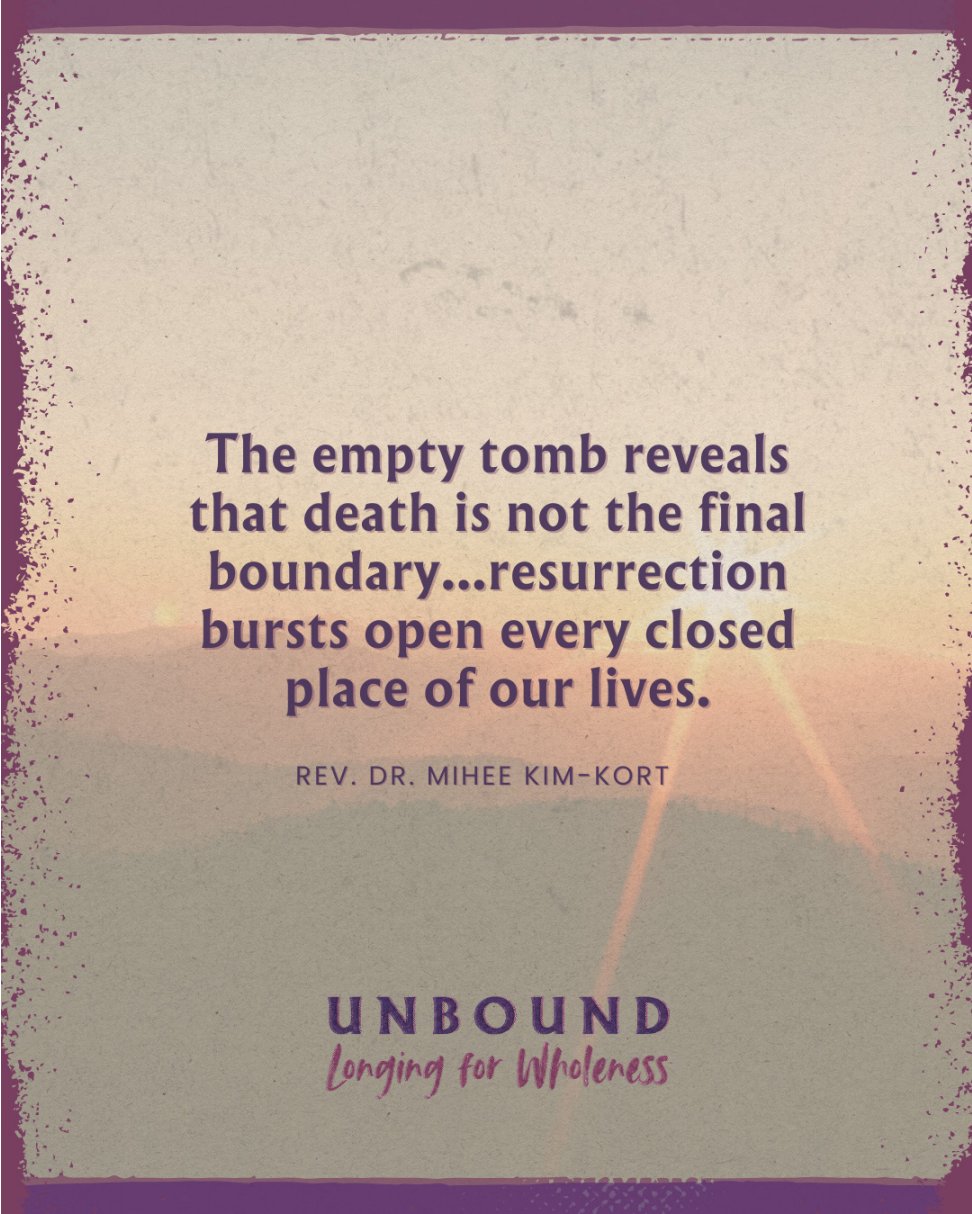




*Community* Presbyterian Church  
open hearted, open minded



**The empty tomb reveals  
that death is not the final  
boundary...resurrection  
bursts open every closed  
place of our lives.**

REV. DR. MIHEE KIM-KORT

**UNBOUND**  
*Longing for Wholeness*

# Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, \* indicates please stand, if able

An offering plate is placed near the door to the church to receive your offerings. It is available before worship, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Celebrate this day of days!

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Let all creation be amazed!

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen Lord, we turn from the night's vigil toward the first rays of your new dawn warming all creation. We praise you that you are alive here with us and that no power can stop your love. Teach us what it means for Death to relinquish its hold on us, that with renewed hearts we might know resurrection hope in our bodies and cry, Alleluia! **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN GTG 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

**Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.**

"Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Alleluia. Amen.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my might;  
**he has become my salvation.**

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
**the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”**

I shall not die, but I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has punished me severely,**  
**but he did not give me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;**  
**the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected**  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;**  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Easter is Here*

CPC Choir

words by J. Paul Williams, Music by Jon Paige

GOSPEL 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. 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.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and

the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 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.'" 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.

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Julie Beck

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 236

The Strife is Over

*Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -  
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es  
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly  
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.  
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ris - en Head!  
 sing to thee:

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Give thanks to God for God is good. Let us gratefully give of our offerings to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry.

DOXOLOGY GTG 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds, your generosity fills to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S EASTER PEOPLE**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

Your love is everlasting; your faithfulness will never die. You have extended the promise of salvation to all through Christ Jesus, who is risen from the dead.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

SANCTUS GTG 552

Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

### THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.*

*Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.*

### HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 243

### Be Not Afraid



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

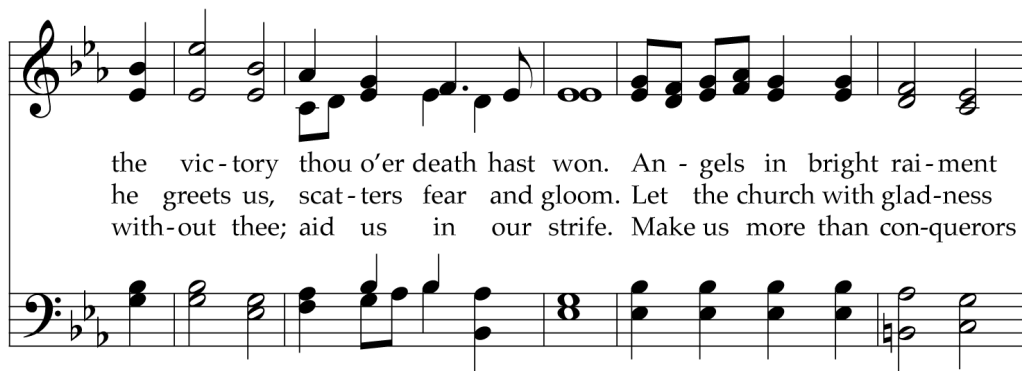
## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 238

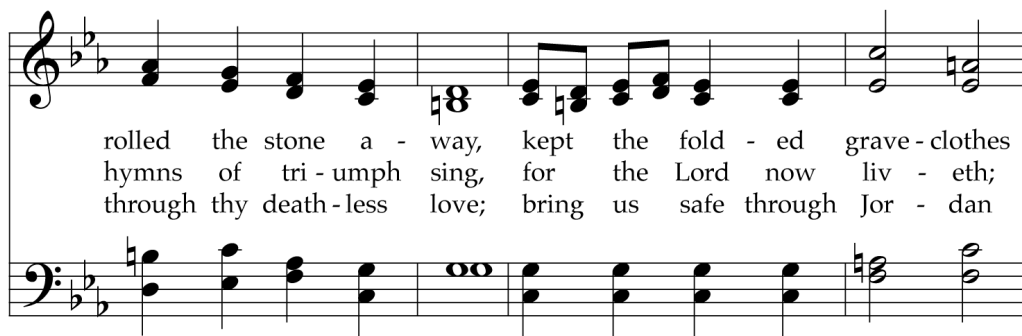
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is  
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

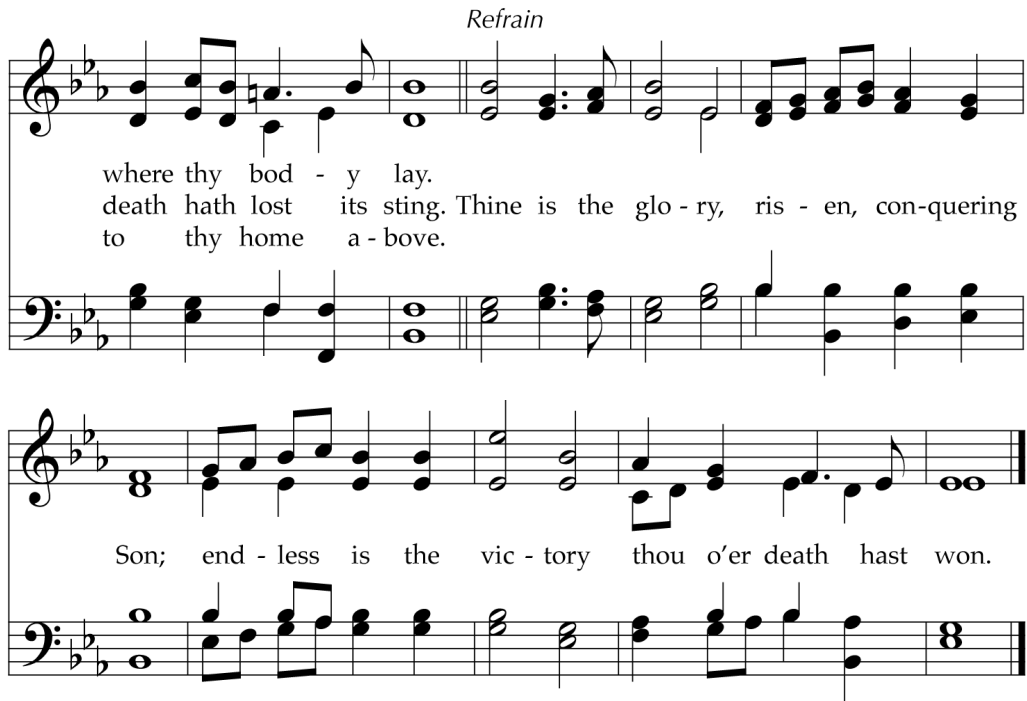


the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment  
he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness  
with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May God who seeks you by night and by day, in death and in life,  
 open your senses to the mystery of God's grace,  
 enfold you through water and Spirit in Christ's love,  
 and give you confidence in the Spirit's power to unbind and grant new life.  
 May the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all,  
 bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace forgiven, whole and free.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott  
 and provided for free distribution.

Other resources used: *Unbound* by Church  
 Anew and *Call to Worship*

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**Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday**  
**9:30 am Worship with Communion -**  
**Onsite and Online**

Monday, April 6  
Easter Monday - Office Closed  
Floor Waxing at church

Tuesday, April 7  
9:00 am Bulletin Items Due  
9:30 am PW Bible Study  
7:00 pm Library Use: Mission Aid Net.

Wednesday, April 8  
8:00 am Prayer Group  
6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 10  
6:30 pm Library, Great Room Use:  
SE MN ASD Social Group

Saturday, April 11  
4:00 pm Great Room Use

**Sunday, April 12**  
**9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online**



Judy Leal  
Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family  
Amy Ward and family  
Sherrie Wilson  
Vera Atkinson  
Jennifer Taylor  
Kristy Giere  
Carole Kinion Copeland  
Sue Chipman

*To be added to the prayer list, please  
contact the office: 507-280-9291 or via  
email: [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org).*

## Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Julie Beck
Liturgist	Ivy Pillers
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

## Church Staff

Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch