

# Celebrate

Second Sunday of Eastertide

April 12, 2026

*Unless I See*

First  
Church

# Celebrate Service - April 12, 2026

## Get Involved

### WE GATHER

#### Welcome & Lighting of Candles

Pastor Duane Carlisle

#### Prelude

#### Centering Words

L: Easter people, Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**P: Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

L: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**P: Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

L: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**P: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.*

#### Christ is Alive

"Christ is Alive" UMH 318

#### Opening Prayer

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

### WE PROCLAIM

#### The Message to Young Disciples

#### The New Testament Lesson

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Message**

Pastor Duane Carlisle

### **Message in Music**

Isaiah Lonn - Ukulele "In the Garden"

Charis on piano

### **WE RESPOND**

### **The Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Kory Pritchett

## **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Generosity**

## **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

## **WE GO FORTH**

## **The Day Of Resurrection**

"The Day of Resurrection" UMH 303

## **The Benediction**

**Pastor Duane Carlisle**

May God bless you with open hearts to recognize the resurrected Christ in our midst and with the courage to reach out and touch the wounds of our neighbors, believing that we will find Resurrection in the meeting of our vulnerability.

## **The Postlude**

# Prayers

## Concerns Shared

All in need of prayer

## Those In Memory Care

Jack Gaunt

Pat Staver

## Active Military

*As we update our list of active military personnel, we invite First Church families to share the names of any immediate family members currently serving. Please contact Ronda at [rkroeschen@fumcwl.org](mailto:rkroeschen@fumcwl.org) and include each military member's name and rank.*

AWR1 Isaiah Hale

CDR James Beaty

LCDR Alex Turco

## Worship Team

### Audio/Visual

#### Livestream:

Todd Pickard

#### Slides:

Brian Martin

#### Soundboard:

Dustin Coolman

### Band

#### Piano:

Charis Vander Plaats

### Pastors

#### Lead Pastor:

Duane Carlisle

#### Assistant Pastor:

Kory Pritchett

### Vocals

#### Alto:

Gail Polles

#### Soprano:

Anna Clark

## Quick Links



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## Christ Is Alive

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1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and all cre -

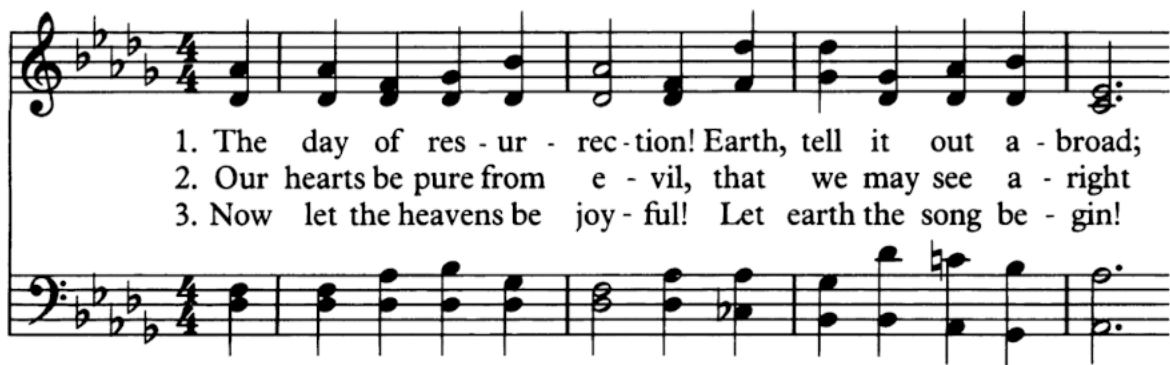
prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 here and now and dwell in ev - ery place and time.  
 midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.  
 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 a - tion ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

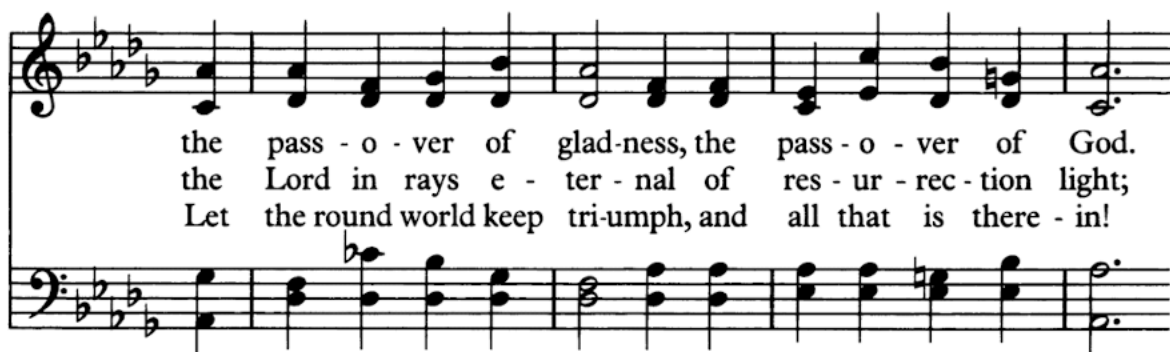
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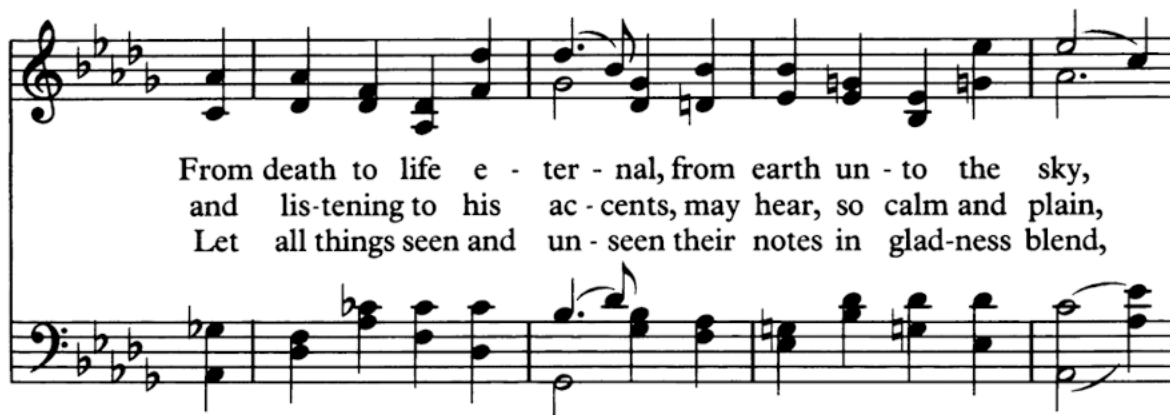
## The Day of Resurrection



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth the song be - gin!



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 Let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad - ness blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

April 5, 2026



## GET INVOLVED

### How to make a difference

Daniel Kelly, author of *Somebody Should Do Something* will speak at FUMC 6:30–8 pm., Tuesday, April 7 in the Activity Center. The book focuses on the bridge between individual actions and systemic change, arguing that personal choices can trigger collective action.

### Sign up for Euchre!

Join us for euchre 5:45–8:30 PM Wednesday. Contact Jeanne, [jnorberg@purdue.edu](mailto:jnorberg@purdue.edu), to sign up. We have loads of fun and play on the second Wednesday of the month.



### Acorn Players Partners with FUMC for Theater

FUMC is the base of operation for the Acorn Players, which features Inclusivity in play selection and casting. They practice in our basement and perform often in our sanctuary.

Next performance: *Radium Girls*, 7:30 PM on April 10–11 & 17 and 2:30 PM on April 18 at FUMC. Summer camp tryouts are in May. Cost \$375. Donations appreciated! For more information: <https://www.acorn-players.org>



### Needed: Grass Whisperer (a.k.a. Lawn Mower for FUMC)

Department: Turf Management at FUMC

Job Summary: We are currently seeking brave and mildly adventurous individuals to join our elite Mowing Crew. This role involves observing, evaluating, and occasionally conquering the ever-growing green expanse during your assigned week.

Key Responsibilities:

- Will partner you up with a fellow Lawn Care Specialist (because everything is safer with a buddy).
- Assess whether the grass is behaving or plotting a takeover. And take decisive action when the lawn begins to look less like a yard and more like a jungle.
- Coordinate with your teammate to ensure mowing duties are completed without unnecessary solo heroics.

Qualifications: No prior experience required—just a willingness to learn and a tolerance for fresh-cut grass smells.

Training: Full training provided.

Perks:

- Fresh air and sunshine included at no extra charge
- Light exercise disguised as volunteer work

Apply today and help keep the grass in its place! Contact [rkroeschen@fumc.org](mailto:rkroeschen@fumc.org)



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Church Grounds