

# First Up

Second Sunday of Eastertide

April 12, 2026

*Unless I See*

First  
Church

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## WE GATHER

### Welcome

### 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.**

### Opening Song

"Rise And Shine"

### Scripture Reading

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.

Leader: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## 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

### Message to Young Disciples

#### Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

#### The Message in Music

"Christ Is Risen"

#### 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 and Peace

#### Closing Song

"Christ Our Wisdom"

# WE GO FORTH

## Benediction

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.

## Opening Song

Rise And Shine

by Austin Davis, Jessica Soccorsi, and Mitch Wong

Verse 1

Arise

There's a new day upon us

So come out of the darkness

Stand in the morning light

Take heart

There's a new wind that's blowing

Heaven's gates are wide open

It's time to lift your eyes

Oh it's time to lift your eyes

Chorus 1

Rise and shine

For the light the light has come

Jesus Christ

Come behold the Risen Son

Hold on to hope

Shake off your fear

Sing like you know

Freedom is here

Rise and shine

For the light the light has come

Tag 1

Oh the light has come

Oh (the light has come)

Verse 2

Wake up

It's the dawn of revival

Calling saints and disciples

Into the promised land

Sing praise

Let it rise from your spirit

So the whole world can hear it

Lift up His Holy Name

Bridge 1

Oh set your feet to dancing

Open your mouth and praise Him

We made it through the evening

This is the joy of the morning

Hope is alive and breathing

Life has a brand new meaning

We made it through the evening

This is the joy of the morning

Tag 2

This is the joy of the morning

This is the joy of the morning

This is the joy of the morning Rise And Shine -

## The Message in Music

Christ Is Risen

by Brian Johnson, Mack Brock, and Phil Wickham

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
For I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

Verse 2

The prodigal is welcomed home  
The sinner now a saint  
For the God who died came back to life  
And everything has changed  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

Misc 1

O death where is your sting  
O fear where is your power  
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you  
Delivered and redeemed eternal life is ours

O praise His name forever

Chorus 1

Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave  
And all throughout eternity  
Our song will be the same  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

Verse 3

And on the day You call me in  
To heaven's sweet embrace  
I'll see Your scars Your open arms  
The beauty of Your face  
Through tears of joy  
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

Misc 2

Jesus is alive oh  
And all throughout eternity  
Our song will be the same  
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

## Closing Song

Christ Our Wisdom

by Bob Kauflin, Jonathan Althoff, and Nathan Stiff

Verse 1

Christ our wisdom we are humbled  
When You hide Your ways from us  
You have purposes unnumbered  
Each one good and glorious  
Help us trust when we grow weary  
Free us from our anxious thoughts  
Give us grace to see more clearly  
You are God and we are not

Verse 2

Christ our wisdom be our gladness  
When we fail to understand  
You ordain all joy and sadness  
To fulfill Your perfect plan  
Help us know You rule with power  
Over every raging flood  
In our most uncertain hour  
You are God and we are loved

Verse 3

Christ our wisdom we will follow  
Though the way ahead is veiled

As we journey through the shadows  
Grant us faith where sight has failed  
Help us cling to Your commandments  
Strengthened by Your faithful Word  
We will never be abandoned  
You are God and we are Yours

Verse 4

Christ our wisdom we adore You  
For the beauty of the cross  
Once in foolishness we scorned You  
But Your blood has ransomed us  
Help us sing the endless mercies  
Of Your humble heart to save  
Christ our wisdom Christ our glory  
You are God forever praised

Misc 1

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## 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

### Band

#### Acoustic Guitar:

Kory Pritchett

#### Bass Guitar:

Becca Pritchett

#### Drums:

Cade Quinn

#### Electric Guitar:

Nick Clinkenbeard

#### Keys:

Ryan Madden

#### Vocal:

Karen Hull

Amanda Hedden

### Audio/Visual

#### CG Creation:

Kory Pritchett

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## 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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