

United Presbyterian Church
April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday



WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sposalizio – F. Liszt*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Susan McGhee
Benjamin Watkins, piano
Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

**People: Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?**

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN * *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!* #123

PRAYER OF ADORATION *

Liturgist: Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us, and brought us into this Day of Resurrection.

**People: We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son,
and that he has conquered death,
risen to rule over all powers of this earth.
We praise you that he summons us into new life,
to follow him with joy and gladness.**

Liturgist: By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair,
and set our feet in Christ's holy way,
that our lives may be signs of his life,
and all we have may show forth his love.

**People: Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri ** #579

THE PEACE *

Liturgist: God sends this message of joy to all people,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all.
Let us share this holy peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *It is Well with My Soul* UPC Quartet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Increase in our minds and hearts, O God, the risen life we share with Christ,
and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL *Luke 24:1–12* (pew Bible p808; large print p1629)

English: Rev. Susan McGhee

Arabic: Fadi Haddad

Dutch: Jan Berend Heitink

Fante: Matthew Quansmat

French: Vera Heitink

German: Gerrit Heitink

Norwegian: Thomas Koehnlund

Russian: Anna Ambartsunian

Spanish: Pastor Alejandra Haddad

Twi: Patrick Nyarko

EPISTLE LESSON (Reverend)

Colossians 3:12-17

RESPONSE, sung and spoken

Pastor: Let us fill the world with our prayers of thanksgiving.

People: ♪ Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.

Pastor: Glory to you, O God,

People: for you have woven radiant garments for the resurrection.

Pastor: Blessings to you, O Christ,

People: for you were clothed with them at your rising.

Pastor: Praise to you, O Holy Spirit,

People: for you keep them in love for all the saints.

SERMON *Radiant Garments for the Resurrection* Reverend Susan McGhee

HYMN * *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks* #106

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Alejandra Haddad

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: Rev. Susan McGhee

One Great Hour of Sharing will also be received

Offertory

*The Doxology #592

Prayer Of Dedication

HOLY COMMUNION: Rev. McGhee and Pastor Haddad

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

HYMN * *Thine Is the Glory!* #122

CHARGE AND BLESSING *

Rev. Susan McGhee

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints*

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

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His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

All people who are suffering from armed conflict.

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One Great Hour of Sharing does just that, working for justice around the world with partners who know the needs of their own communities. A way churches are answering the call is through grassroots organizing, a faith-rooted approach to addressing systemic injustices within local contexts.

NOTE: The One Great Hour of Sharing PC(USA) Special Offering will be received at UPC today, Easter Sunday. Special envelopes are in the narthex.