

United Presbyterian Church

April 12, 2026 Second Sunday of Easter



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship Commissioned Pastor Alejandra Haddad

Pastor: Great is the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

People: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosana!* #104

Call to Confession

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Pastor)

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our

unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead. Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

* *Gloria Patri* #579

***Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share that peace with one another.

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name. Amen

Music for Meditation

UPC Quartet

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Lesson *I Peter 1: 3-9*

Pastor Alejandra Haddad

Gospel Lesson *John 20:19-31*

Reverend Marietta Macy

Pastor: The words of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *The Breath of Life* Reverend Marrietta Macy
***Hymn of Praise:** *The Day of Resurrection* #118

Affirmation of faith (Book of Common Worship) led by Rev. Macy
This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER – Pastor Haddad
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.

CALL TO OFFERING – Reverend Macy
Offertory
***Doxology** #592
Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *Christ Is Alive!* #108

CHARGE and BENEDICTION Reverend Macy
POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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

Kevin Roby Virginia Kathleen Anita

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda

All people who are suffering from armed conflict.

Cayuga Presbyterian Church led by Emily J. Miller (Extended Supply), is a close-knit community representing 14 families. We participate yearly with Church World Services and support One Great Hour of Sharing. We have an Easter breakfast before worship and Christmas Eve Service which includes food and fellowship after the service. At Christmas we purchase clothing and toys for approximately 15 needy children and gift cards for shut-ins. We covet prayers for our small congregation, and especially for our wonderful supply preacher Emily Miller. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

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UPC is invited to . . .

. . . Bloomington Chamber Singers' next concert at 4:00pm Sunday, April 19, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. The choir will be performing Duruflé's 1947 *Requiem*, a piece with themes of contemplation and hope. Many thanks for your partnership!

Allison Schnable; On behalf of Bloomington Chamber Singers

Important Information

Location: St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 N St Rd 46, Bloomington
April 19, 2026, 4:00 pm; Doors open 3:15; seating is festival. ADA accessible.
\$20 General, \$15 Students: www.chambersingers.info or at door.

Streaming Option: information at www.chambersingers.info