

Traditional Worship Service

Easter Sunday 9am

April 5, 2026

Tell Me Something Good

Length
in mins

5:00 **Prelude**

1:30 **Live Stream Startup**

3:00 **Introit**

"Joyful, Joyful," Handbell Quartet

5:00 **Welcome & Announcements**

1:00 **Call To Worship**

Liturgist: Cody Anderson

Leader: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

People: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

Leader: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

People: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

Leader: The good news is dancing!

People: The good news is on the loose!

Leader: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

People: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

Leader: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

3:00 **#261 Lord of the Dance**

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1:00 **Unison Prayer**

All: Holy One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here. Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you.
Amen.

3:30 **Special Music**

"Christ The Lord Is Risen From The Dead/No Greater Love," Chorale

5:00 **A Time for Children**

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

5:00 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

((Cody keep short))

1:00 **Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer**

O God, we offer ourselves to you. We are your people and this is your church. Use our gifts and breakthrough in new ways as we seek to love our neighbors and be a beacon of Christ-centered hope to our community. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

4:00 **Offertory**

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today," Parker UMC Handbells

1:00 **Doxology**

15:00 **Message**

Title: The Good News is . . . alive in the world.

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor Laura Rainwater

**Length
in mins**

1:00 Invitation To the Table

Leader: On Easter morning, the women went looking for Jesus.
The angel said he was not in the tomb, so they ran, afraid yet filled with joy. They sought after him.
They hurried to Galilee, looking for their risen Christ.
And in their seeking, the text tells us: "Suddenly, Jesus met them" (Matthew 28:9).
Jesus met the women in their seeking.
Jesus met them in their moment of fear and grief.
Jesus met them when they felt lost.
Jesus met them and provided hope.
Friends, if like the women you are seeking Christ,
if you have known grief or fear,
if you have ever felt lost, or if you are in need of some hope,
then come to this Table.
All are welcome here.
For just as Jesus met the women in their seeking,
I am confident that Jesus meets us here,
saying, "Do not be afraid."

10:00 Communion

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You created us, nurtured us, and loved us.
When we turned away, you remained steadfast.
You made a covenant to be our sovereign God, no matter what.

You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to be with us.
His life, death, and resurrection change us.

We remember that night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
Amen.

1:00 Unison Prayer (after communion)

ALL: Loving Christ,
thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies.
Thank you for the cup that quenches our thirst.
Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are.

**Length
in mins**

Thank you for this Table that brings us together.
Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits.
Thank you for the promise that at this Table, and every table, you will be there.
May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good, good news.
With joy and hope we pray, amen.

3:00 *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

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1:00 **Benediction**

2:00 **Postlude**

63:30
