

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. 12 April 2026/Second Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles, including Christ Candle during the Great Fifty Days between Easter and Pentecost)

Announcements: *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

*Greeting**:
Come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world, but in God's sight
chosen and precious.
**We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth**
Once we were no people,
but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness
into God's marvelous light.
Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:
**Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.
By your mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead.**
Amen. *(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

*Praise Choruses: 3096 "Gentle Shepherd"
3088 "Easter Alleluia"

*Opening Hymn: 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

*Opening Prayer**:
Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave
By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you.
By being raised from the dead
you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin.
Throughout these fifty days of Easter

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**we proclaim the marvelous mystery
of death and resurrection.**
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.
Amen. *(James F. White, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate leader and people)* Psalm 16

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Hymn of Preparation: 175 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

*Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles/ Creed,
Traditional Version"

Joys and Concerns

Reminder of the Dedication of Yamaha Digital Piano in memory
of Bill Wood's Parents on this Sunday several years ago

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
Amen.

*The Peace:

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

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The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Intercession**:

O God, our light, our beauty, our rest:

In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us
into your new creation.

Form us into your people, and order our lives in you,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen. Alleluia.**

(Ps.27:1; Ps. 27:4; Mt. 11:29)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 310 "He Lives"

*Blessing: The grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God,
and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with all. **Amen.**

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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