

April 5, 2026

Third Presbyterian Church

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

7:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Prayer:

Hymn: "Morning has Broken"

- Morning has broken** like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- Sweet the rain's new fall** sunlit from heaven, Like the first dew-fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- Mine is the sunlight!** Mine is the morning! Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!



Scripture: John 20:1, 11-22

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance... ¹¹ Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She said, "They have taken my Lord away and I don't know where they have put Him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Him.

¹⁵ Jesus asked her, "**Woman, why are you crying?** Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking He was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. **Go to my brothers and tell them**, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that He had said these things to her.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came, stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you!**" After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**" And with that He breathed on them and said, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"

Sermon: Jesus' Words of Resurrection

***Hymn:** "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***Benediction:**

***FLOWERING THE CROSS:** *We invite you to bring your flowers and place them on the cross.*

*Morningstar Presbyterian Church invites everyone to join them at their church for
Easter breakfast at 8:45 AM. The church's address is 13000 Idlewild Road.*

Holy Communion will be served at the 11:00 AM Easter Worship Service.