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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Easter
Sunday
APRIL 5, 2026





Order of Worship for
APRIL 5, 2026



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Saraband for the morning of Easter” by Herbert Howells

VOCAL PRELUDE: “Then Came the Morning” Gaither/arr Mote & McVey (words on insert)
Earl Pettit, Dan Frye, Jim Boseck, David Kraft

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Jesus has conquered death and offers us eternal life through his resurrection.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: *The tomb is empty, death is defeated.*

People: **Jesus has conquered the grave.**

Leader: *He offers us forgiveness and eternal life.*

All: **Come, let us worship the risen Lord!**

***HYMN #234: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”** CCLI Song #27965, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we gather on this Easter morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The tomb is empty and death has been defeated, so we come with joy and hope to worship the risen Lord. As we worship together, we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, singing... (using debts and debtors)

***HYMN #632: “The Lord’s Prayer”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (page 606) {A.B. page 680}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed” arr J. Koerts (words on insert)
Jim Boseck, Nancy Burt-Preece, Nancy Lamberson, Leslie Roof, Joy Van Riper, acc. David Kraft

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Alleluia, Christ is Risen” by Lloyd Larson (words on insert)

United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:1-4 (page 1167) {A.B. page 1311}

Sermon
“He Is Risen”
(John 20:1-20)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #235: “Christ Arose!”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “Today in Triumph Christ Arose” by Johann Sebastian Bach

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

COMMUNION

***HYMN #251: “Thine Is the Glory”**

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BAPTISM: Stanley Grey Eveleigh

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Toccata” from Symphony No. 5 by Charles-Marie Widor

** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

If you purchased an Easter Lily, please take it with you following the service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Jenifer Parks (friend of Natalie DeTraglia), Laurie Guyette (friend of the Simpsons), Sandy Cleason, Bill Kenyon, Carly and Brian Ferrante and Baby Stocker (Ardelle Bigos relatives), Marion Sumpter, Lou Verspoor, Sherry Wesley (cousin of Sue V and Sandi D), Jack Bigos, Jackie Brown (Linda Bailey's sister), Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Robbie Bass (Linda Bailey's nephew), Daniel Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell's brother), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Military Service: Tech SGT Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany, JJ Callard (USN), US Army CPT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

Missionaries: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti - the BGs (Central/South America), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple), Rev. Nancy and Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather (South Sudan), Sally Gates (UK), Matt and Meredith Snell (Fort Drum, NY).

Today's Loose Offering for Assistance Fund

Today's loose offering (coins or bills not in an envelope) will be designated for the Stewards Assistance Fund, which provides support to those in our church family during times of need. Donations may also be given by check and marked "Assistance Fund."



Highlights for This Week

- **Easter Lilies - Thank you!** Thank you to all who helped beautify our sanctuary this Easter by purchasing a lily in honor or memory of a loved one. If you purchased a lily, please feel free to take it home with you following today's service. Your gift added a special touch to our celebration of Christ's resurrection!
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- Parents - **April 19** is **School Teacher Appreciation Sunday** during the **11am service**. Your children/teens are encouraged to invite a school teacher to attend church with them that Sunday. We will have flowers for the teachers during the service, and a cookie and punch reception for them after the service. **Please let me know** via text, call, or email, **if your kid(s) is bringing a teacher guest** on April 19th. **We need to know by April 14.** Thank you!
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for April: Bev. F.** Please contact Bev if you need help signing up.

Are You Visiting Us Today?

If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us.

We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!



Children's Time

There is no **Children's Time** today. Kids are invited to grab worship aides at any time during the service. They are found near the Main entrance.



Nursery Care

Nursery care is offered during the **late service**. Parents may choose to take their child to the nursery at any time during the service. *All adult volunteers in the nursery are background checked.*



Vacation Bible School

It's time to **register** for **Rainforest Falls VBS!** All children, ages 4-years-old through those entering 6th grade (Fall 2026) are welcome to participate. Our VBS is scheduled for **July 13-17, 9am-12pm**. We hope you can join us! Feel free to invite friends! You can use the QR code to register.



Food Cart & Card Ministry

The collection wagon is in the Missions Collection Center in the south side of the newly remodeled Fellowship Room. We continue to collect needed food staples for CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action) and the Salvation Army food pantry. **Especially needed by CCIA: pasta sauce, tuna, cereal – not always available through FoodLink.** Our donations continue to be needed. Thank you for so generously sharing out of what God has provided for you. The **hand-made cards** that benefit Missions are also available there. Pop in after church to select some. Questions? See Mary Lou or Cathy B.



Getting Involved

Are you interested in **Children's Ministry**, but not able to make a regular commitment? Great news! **We are in need of subs** for many areas of Children's Ministry. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Deb Marshall.



It's Campership Season!

Our church believes deeply in the impact of Christian summer camp, so we offer **camperships** to help make it possible for every child to attend. A campership is **available to any child** who participates in Sunday mornings, Youth Club, or The Cause.

It covers:

- **Half the cost** of one week of any Christian day or overnight camp
- **Up to the full cost**, if there is financial need

If you'd like to use a campership:

1. Register your child for the Christian camp. (If its Beaver Camp, please get the discount code from Deb before registering your child.)
2. Pay either the deposit or half of the total cost.
3. Email proof of registration to me at deb.marshall@uccdga.org.

I'll take care of the rest! **The deadline for campership requests is May 20.**

Silent Auction: Sunday, June 7 through Sunday, June 14, 2026 To Benefit Mission Trips



Do you like bargains? Do you enjoy auctions? If so, the Mission Committee's Silent Auction is for you. The funds raised for our Trip Fund will assist our Youth and Adults as they go out into the mission field. We need **donors** of items such as: home crafted

items, store bought items, gift baskets, pledges of your time or talents to help someone (such as 1 or 2 hours of gardening or babysitting time), antiques, a boat ride on Canandaigua Lake, a home cooked meal for a group of people, a cottage rental, etc.



Donation forms are in the Welcome Center and can be filled out and returned to the box, put in the offering plate or mailed in! If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Nancy Abdallah at nancycabdallah@gmail.com or 585-749-4313.

A Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your generous support of my **Eagle project**. Your contribution funded the **outdoor community space** at the **Family Promise Shelter**. I appreciate your support for this project and hope you can use the space to spread faith to those in need.
Sincerely,
Casey Brown



Family Promise

Family Promise of Ontario County (FPOC) helps families facing or experiencing **homelessness** by providing them a stable place to live, work and financial education, and other support needed to get on their feet. The new FPOC static site on N. Main St is planning to open in May!!!! This will have such a positive impact for families living on the edge. God knows and cares! And so do we!



During **April**, our church family would like to help FPOC by **donating \$25, \$50, or \$100 grocery and/or fuel gift cards, or by writing a check to Family Promise.** Families purchase their own groceries, make their own meals, and fuel their own cars, if they have them. Please consider chipping in! Gift cards may be placed in the offering plate or left with Carolyn during office hours. Questions? Please see Cathy or Mary Lou. Please add your prayers to this and Thank You for your consideration! - The Mission Collection Team

Kid's Kits

In April we will be collecting items and packing Kid's Kits for **Church World Service.** Each kit is filled with school and art supplies that help children feel cared for, supported and ready to learn — at home, in the classroom or wherever life takes them. We have been given beautiful cloth bags to use (thank you Chris P.) and we are asking for the following items to fill the bags. There will be a bin in the mission area to collect the items **from Monday April 6 to Sunday April 26** and blue bucket tags showing the needed items will be available (you don't have to get everything for a whole kit, we'll assemble them).



- One box of 12 colored pencils
- One 2- pocket folder
- One glue stick
- One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip only)
- One 70 page spiral bound notebook
- One 12" ruler
- One hand- held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons
- One handmade or store- bought pencil-pouch.

Missions Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...

One Great Hour of Sharing

Today we are receiving our **annual special Easter offering** for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes were mailed with the March Lamplighter and are also available in the pews. You may also use the Easter envelopes from your box of envelopes or give online by choosing the OGHS fund from the list. Please give as generously as you are able as we serve the most vulnerable around the world, offering aid to people lacking life's basic necessities.



2026 Mexico Mission Trip

Sometimes the joy and appreciation of short term mission trips don't completely fulfill us until we are back home reflecting on the experience. **Thank you United Church family** for commissioning us and keeping us in prayer as we formed relationships and plans with Iglesia Emmanuel in Bacalar and experienced the ministry of clean water in Living Waters for the World (LWW) partner communities of Cedralito, Limones, and Tabi. From a first night in Bacalar when SheaLeigh offered the message to the women's "Ana Circle" to our final day in Tabi as we gathered our NY team with the in-country water committee, cooks, and translators to say goodbye, our days were blessed with new friendships, opportunities to experience the work of each water plant, and appreciation for the lives of our Mayan brothers



and sisters in Christ. The mission committee invites you to consider training at the LWW Clean Water U Fall Session, September 22nd-26th at Camp Johnsonburg, NJ. A scholarship has been established in memory of Ken Allen and other funding may be available. Please speak with Linda W. or Sonya B. for more information. And please consider joining us now as we begin planning for next year.



North Carolina Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

March 28-April 3

The North Carolina trip participants thank the congregation for their prayers and support! The trip has been wonderful, reconnecting with friends from last year, meeting new ones and growing our church friendships.



Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

(8:45 service anthem)

arr. James Koerts

How can it be the One who died, has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, Sing Hallelujah!
For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive, He stands, their Friend and King. Christ, Christ, He is risen!

Chorus:

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh! Sing Hallelujah!
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed,
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing Hallelujah!
Once bound by fear, now bold in faith they preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting!

Chorus

The power that raised Him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save!
He frees our hearts to live His grace. Go tell of His goodness!

Chorus

His is risen! He's alive! He's alive! Heaven's gates are opened wide!
He's alive! He's alive! Now in heaven glorified! He's alive!
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Then Came The Morning

(11:00 service prelude)

by Gaither/arr. Mote & McVey

They all walked away, nothing to say
They just lost their dearest friend
All that He said, now He was dead
So this was the way it would end.
The dreams they had dreamed
Were not what they seemed
Now that He was dead and gone;
The garden, the jail,
The hammer, the nail,
How could a night be so long?

(Chorus) Then came the morning
Night turned into day
The stone was rolled away,
Hope rose with the dawn.
Then came the morning,
Shadows vanished before the sun
Death had lost and life had won
For morning had come

The angel, the star, the kings from afar
The wedding, the water, the wine;
Now it was done, they'd taken her Son,
Wasted before His time.
She knew it was true, she'd watched Him die too,
She'd heard them call Him just a man;
But deep in her heart, she knew from the start,
Somehow her Son would live again. **(chorus)**

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

(11:00 service anthem)

by Lloyd Larson

As Sabbath darkness wanes the dawning
Of the first day of the week appears.
The faithful followers approach the
Tomb of death in hopelessness and tears.

But the angel of the Lord stands
at the tomb now open wide.
"I know that you seek Christ, the Crucified.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He has risen just as He Said!
Proclaim the news to all the world:
That Christ has risen from the dead."

The angel summons them to come and
See the place where Jesus had been laid.
Then quickly they are told to go and
Share the word that Jesus has been raised.
With trembling fear and joy they leave
The tomb to find their friends,
And tell the joyous news He lives again!

Do not be afraid for He has risen from
The dead just as He said! **(X3)**
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He has risen just as He said!
Proclaim the news to all the world:
That Christ has risen from the dead. **(X2)**
Alleluia! Alleluia!

