



the good news is...

alive in the world

Union Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

The liturgy is adapted from offerings by Rev. Sarah A. Speed for A Sanctified Art LLC sanctifiedart.org.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Please help us to know you by signing the fellowship pad or scanning the attendance QR code on the card in the pew. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue prayer card. Please place both in the offering plate when it is passed.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

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

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

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

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

The good news is dancing!

The good news is on the loose!

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

Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

*Hymn 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Steven Springer, Trumpet; Chad Cuthbertson-Adams, Piano

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid. And we don't know where to look. And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow we pray... *(Silent prayers of confession)*

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on. Some worshipers remain at their seat while others roam the sanctuary sharing the peace of Christ with one another. You may choose to share the peace with a fist bump, handshake, or peace sign.

Hymn #453

Children of all ages are invited to come to the chancel steps.



Scan QR code to give electronically from your phone

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.

***Sharing Christ's Peace**

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Engage

***Song for Illumination** *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

YISRAEL V'ORAITA

Special Music

Alleluia!

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 (Pew Bible NT p.46)

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

The Good News is Alive in the World

Rev. Lisa Stenner

***Hymn 505**

The Feast is Ready

THE FEAST IS READY

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. If you have prayers to be shared during our prayers of the people, please place them in the offering plate.

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People

The People Share Communion with God and with Each Other

***Affirmation of Faith**

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Offering Our Commitments

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

***Hymn 246 (v.1,3,4,5)**

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist

Kevin, Heather and Morgan Dern, Liturgists

Announcements

Welcome to worship at UPC this morning!

Please help us get to know you by signing the fellowship pad. If you are a first time visitor, please leave your email address or phone number so that we can continue to welcome you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up your welcome gift after the service!

We value children in worship! There are children's materials and crayons available as you enter the Sanctuary, a play area in the north window of the Sanctuary, and a nursery area down the hall to the right of the narthex. The service is streamed on YouTube on the tv in the nursery.

Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and talents to make our Holy Week worship services possible, to those who shared hospitality with the Union community, and to everyone who has helped to make our Resurrection celebration amazing! We are all blessed by your generosity. Thanks be to God!

Please continue to pray for our newly elected officers as they begin their training. Kevin Dern and Mark Highland were elected as elders for the class of 2029. Hayden Monson, Ruth Ann Sloan and Sheila Wenstrup were elected as deacons for the class of 2029.

◆ Other Activities this Week

Monday Church office is closed.
Tuesday No Welcoming & Deacons
Wednesday No choir

◆ Adult Activities

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 6:30pm Sanctuary
Adults and teens welcome.

Sunday School

2nd & 4th Sundays after worship Family Room

Chair Yoga

Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30am Narthex

Wrapped in Prayer Stitchers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm Choir Room

Florence Women's Club

3rd Tuesday 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Info: Sharon Price 859-391-3984

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays at 8pm

UPS (Union Presbyterian Seniors)

3rd Thursday Lunch at local restaurants
Info: Elaine Johnson

◆ Youth Activities

Sunday School 4th – 7th Grade

2nd & 4th Sundays after worship Room 115

Middle School Youth

This week: No activities Celebrate the resurrection with your family
Next week: Mini Golf 5:30p-7:30p
Putt-putt Fun Center, Erlanger

High School Youth

This week: No activities Celebrate the resurrection with your family
Next week: Mini Golf 5:30p-7:30p
Putt-putt Fun Center, Erlanger

Boy Scouts, Troop 805

Monday at 7pm

◆ Children's Activities

Sunday School K-3rd Grade

2nd & 4th Sundays after worship Room 114

Cub Scouts, Pack 3805

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2830

1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:30pm

Girl Scouts Troop 2146

Every other Friday 6pm

Union Children's Choir

Saturdays at 9:30am

Birthdays

April 10 Holly VonLehman

Prayers

Andrea Vanzant, Bob & Jacque Sherwood,
Jim Vanzant, Phil Ruwe, Pat Knipper,
Molly Gilbert

The beautiful flowers we enjoy this morning celebrate the Resurrection and were graciously given by the following families:

Gwen Coleman & Mark Highland.....In Honor of James Highland
 Grace Daniel.....In Memory of Kathy Bowers and Helen Mengle
 Mary Lu Funyak.....In Honor of Our Country
 Molly Gilbert.....In Memory of Paul & Lois Semrau,
 David Klingler, Richard & Jean Gilbert, Joe & Rita Beck and Jeff Beck
 Beverly Johnson.....In Memory of Bob Johnson
 Dustie Kemp.....To the Glory of God
 Dave & Sue Kozlowski.....In Memory of Scotty Wlodarski
 Kathy Martin.....To the Glory of God
 Neva Martin.....In Memory of Bill, Charles and Logan
 The PearsIn Memory of Dave Fedders
 Phil & Lori Ruwe.....In Honor of Family
 Ollie Seidman.....In Memory of Lauren Collins and Paul Seidman
 Donna Shupe.....In Honor of My Family
 Dan & Martha Spanier.....In Memory of All Our Family & Friends in Heaven
 The StennersIn Memory of Chuck & Pat Stenner and Peggy Dunson
 In Honor of Ron Dunson
 Alison Vessa..... To the Glory of God
 Sheila Wenstrup In Memory of Megan Wenstrup
 Rob & Tina Wilcox To the Glory of God

<u>SESSION</u>		
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Jacob Brooks Laura Pears	Mary Lu Funyak Erin Kieffer	Sue Kozlowski Frank Lindsey
<u>DEACONS</u>		
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Danni Kavanaugh Dave Stenner Holly VonLehman	Sam Caudill Grace Daniel Cheryl Davis	Molly Gilbert Ollie Seidman Alison Vessa