

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold.
And our despair, he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

* GREETING AND OPENING RESPONSES

Mary Ann Redifer

May the peace of our Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are those who did not see but have come to believe. Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

* HYMN 239

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

GELOBT SEI GOTT

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

You know, Lord, that we do not always do unto others as we would have them do unto us. You know that we do not forgive and let go. Help us to trust that you are gracious and full of loving kindness, and that you work out your good purposes even when we doubt. This we ask through the saving power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 439, v.1 and 3)

*O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me, bless God's name.
Bless the Savior and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.*

*Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin.
Like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.232)

SOLO

Spiritual
Venus Minaya, solo

Arr. Uzee Brown Jr.

Great Day! Great day, the righteous marching. God's gonna build up Zion's wall. Chariot moved on de mountain top. My Lord spoke and de chariot stopped. When I was a mourner, just like you, I prayed and prayed till I came through. This is the year of Jubilee. God's gonna build up Zion's wall. When my Lord set up his people free. We want no cowards in our band. God's gonna build up Zion's wall. We call for valiant hearted ones.

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

(Pew Bible, N.T. p. 115)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

SERMON

“The Saving Power in Doubt”

Dr. Butler

“Unless I see the nail marks and put my finger in his side, I will not believe.”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 257

“The Risen Christ”

WOODLANDS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will

be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott

Oberlin Chorale Scholars

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again. May God hold you, ever in the palm of his hand.

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

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

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 244**

“This Joyful Eastertide”

VRUECHTEN

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC**

Toccata in g

Johann Pachelbel

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission Statement

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eastertide Sunday

April 12, 2026

10 a.m.
