

John Knox Presbyterian Church
Resurrection of the Lord – Easter Day
April 5, 2026
The good news is... alive in the world.



GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Poem

"Birdsong"

Rev. Sarah Speed

* Opening Song

"Morning Has Broken"

#664

* 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.

Procession of the Flowered Cross

* Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

#232

Caleb Robinson and Cayla High on handbells

* Call to Confession

* Unison 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.

* = Standing as able *Italics* = Leader **Bold** = People

and disturbs the noise of ignorance:
a word that is LOVE.

PULPIT We believe in a word
side that brings life out of death
and laughter with the morning:
a word that is LOVE.

PIANO We believe in a word
side that tears up the darkness
flooding it with light:
a word that is LOVE.

PULPIT We believe in a word
side that speaks to all loneliness
with self-giving compassion and care:
a word that is LOVE.

ALL We believe in a word
that speaks to our futures
calling us by name
to trust anew,
and believe once more
in a word called LOVE.

* Hymn "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers" #2115

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

Church and Community Life

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Text John Crum, tune French Carol arr. Simon Andrews

Anna and Micah Robinson

Congregation will join on verse 4 – see projection.

* Sung Response "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" #240 vss. 2 & 4

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Response: *Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.*

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* Sending Song "Thine is the Glory" #238
Ezra and Micah Robinson on handbells

* Charge and Blessing

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham

Pianist: Adam Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

Music Director: Anna Robinson

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Special thanks to all our musicians today!

Church and Community Life



Centered in the prophet Micah’s call to do justice, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has been helping neighbors in need around the world for over 75 years. The annual Offering gives the

PC(USA) a tangible way to share God’s love by joining together to help eliminate the root causes of the world’s injustices. Easter Sunday wraps up this giving opportunity. Thank you for generously supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, the single largest way Presbyterians come together to make a difference in the world. *When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*

PLEASE ENJOY special refreshments and visiting during fellowship time today.

Shirley is back home at Emerald Pointe, and she will appreciate calls, visits, and cards as she continues to regain her strength.

OUR NEW PIANIST BEGINS NEXT WEEK! Melissa Terrall is an award-winning classical pianist currently based in the Willamette Valley/Salem. A 2023 Fulbright grant recipient, she spent a year researching Mexican piano repertoire in Mexico City. Melissa holds degrees from the University of Kansas and Portland State University. She has worked as interim piano professor at Linfield University and Clark College while also maintaining a private piano studio. She has played piano for many different faith traditions, most recently at two Lutheran churches in Salem. We look forward to welcoming Melissa next week.

HEARING CHALLENGED? The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for people who appreciate a bit of assistance hearing more clearly, whether or not they use hearing aids. For more information on how to use the listening devices, see Eileen or CJ.

Looking Ahead

April 12 10:30 **Worship - Second Sunday of Easter**
Holy Communion

April 13 7:00 Administration Committee - Zoom

April 15 7:00 Session meeting on Zoom

April 18 10:30 **Worship – Third Sunday of Easter**
Christ Jar Offering; Birthday celebration

April Birthdays

1	Mike L.	17	Caleb R.
6	Carrie H.	18	Mark McK.
6	Pat McK.	21	Eileen S.
9	Melissa T.	26	Ezra R.
11	Judi L.	30	Andrea B.

Looking Far Ahead – Salem Community Chorus Concerts
Decades of Broadway

Monday, May 11 – 6:30 pm @ St. Mark Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 16 – 3:30 pm @ Oak Park Church of God

Monday, May 18 – 6:30 pm @ St. Mark Lutheran Church

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This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.

