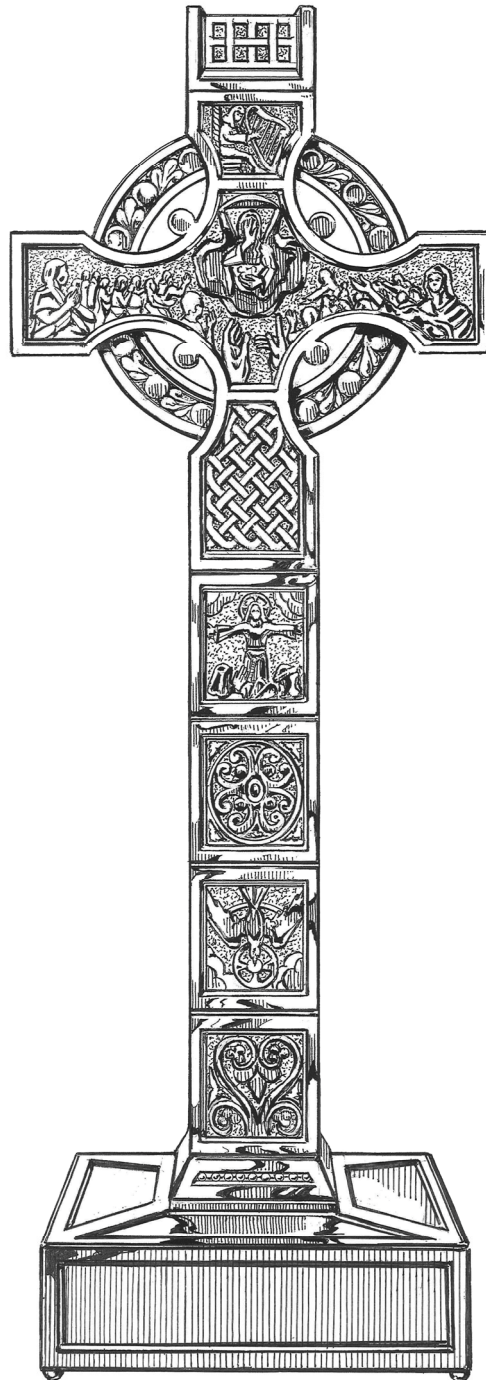


KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | EASTER SUNDAY | 7:00 A.M.
APRIL 5, 2026



Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! A Blessed Feast of the Resurrection and a joyous welcome to you and yours. We welcome you to our Easter Services at Kirk in the Hills and the wonderful activities that invite all our families and people of all ages to mark this day with joyous celebration. I pray that you would encounter the Risen Christ in a way you never have before.

As we celebrate this day, I invite you to ponder the words of the Apostle Paul, nearly 2,000 years ago in his letter to the Church in Corinth:

The last enemy to be destroyed is death, and yet I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. This perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality; and when the perishable is clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the ancient promise will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory." And so the cry goes forth, bold and unafraid: "O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?" For the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law—but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—The First Letter to the Corinthians 15:21–26; 52–57

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edwin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez | Senior Pastor | Head of Staff

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY • EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

GATHERING

Death has been swallowed up in victory.—1 Corinthians 15:54b

Today, Easter Sunday, we remember with gratitude those who have died between Easter 2025 and Easter 2026.

We give thanks to God for their lives and claim the promise of the resurrection for them.

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| Janet Alberts | Arnold (Arne) S. Hull | Carole Tomlinson |
| Sarah Hoffman Allison | Dorothy Hunter | Melvin VanderBrug |
| Russell C. Anderson | Hayden Kendall (Jake) Jacobs | Gaye Walker |
| John A. Artz | Dian Johnson-Jansma | Jeanne Weston |
| Susan S. Blank | Paula Jones | David J. Wood |
| Winifred (Wini) T. Boudreau | Roderick W. Kallgren | Kathryn Wood |
| Ray Bradley | William D. Little | Bruce H. Yuille |
| Sandra M. Branch | Mary Jane (Midge) LoPiccolo | Jack Zinser |
| Eileen Brooks | Thomas Maentz | |
| Kathy Cheek | Don Marple | |
| Joanne Curtis | Diana Marquardt | |
| Roanne Damoff | C. Walter Mayhew | |
| Morse "Bill" Davis | Rev. Dr. Scott McKee | |
| Darrell Flint Duffield | Janet McKinley Jenner | |
| Steven Dunsmore | Kathleen Mielock | |
| Virginia Edwards | Loren Nauss | |
| Shannon Ernat | Sue R. Owen | |
| David M. Gates | Eleanore Pekkala | |
| Lillian (Lou) M. Gordon | Margaret Ruth Pentecost | |
| Frederich A. Greenslate | Arthur J. Perkins | |
| Edward C. Hanpeter | Conrad B. Piche | |
| Jeffrey K. Haynes | Marilyn Pike | |
| John Heersma | Anita Pinson | |
| Melvin Hellem | Dave Pippel | |
| Irene Henderson | Stephanie Ranney | |
| Diane Hernandez | Bob Schindler | |
| Carol Higgs | Margaret Mary Smith | |
| Ken Holden | Tommy Lee Teague | |
| Nancy J. Hopp | Maynard L. Timm | |

*These are the names the church office received.
If there is a name you'd like added, to be read next year,
please contact the church.*

* *Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the tower bell.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:
Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
and was raised on the third day.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**He appeared to Mary Magdalene,
to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.**

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
At last, he comes to us —
Calling us by name,
breaking bread among us,
and sending us into the world
to bear witness to his Resurrection.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us worship the Living God!

* HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

Almighty God of love and life abundant,
**In raising Jesus Christ from the dead,
you have broken the power of sin and death
and opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

Yet we confess that we are tempted, like the first disciples,
to be fearful and uncertain,
slow to believe the promise of new life,
quick to return to old patterns of sin and despair.

Forgive us, God of grace.

**Breathe upon us your Holy Spirit,
that we may live as people of the Resurrection—**

Fill us with Easter joy,
that we may proclaim with our lives
what we confess with our lips:
Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us; Christ, have mer-cy up - on us; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life."
Friends, hear and believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we become a new creation!
Alleluia! Amen!

* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18 (*NT, page 115*)

Rev. Jasmine Smart

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

In the Fair Morning

Evelyn Larter

*In the fair morning, soft sun arising,
bringing spice, expecting death,
we seek the body, sadness and silence,
and hear an angel voice instead:
Fear not, O people! You seek your Jesus;
God has acted, do not fear.
Seek him in living, seek him in loving,
but in this grave he is not here.
Why stand there weeping? Why weep in sorrow?
Jesus lives, and fear has fled.
Roll away sadness, view this arising:
Jesus is raised, and death is dead.
Bow not your faces, rise up in wonder:
Christ awaits you on the way; in the fair morning,
bright sun arising, Christ waits to greet you to the day.
(Susan Palo Cherwien)*

SERMON

While It Was Still Dark

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Rami Almaqdasi

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.

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

POSTLUDE

Toccata on GAUDEAMUS PARITER

Hoyt Pascal

THANKSGIVING

Your offering for the Kirk's ministry will be received as you leave worship.

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

Musicians :

Rachel Hiatt, soprano; Derek Lockhart and Anderson Romero, trumpets; Colin McCall, timpani, Marilyn Biery, Director and Organist

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The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. David Littleton in grateful and joyful celebration, for the promise of Easter is true.

He is Risen!



EASTER MEMORIALS 2026

The Easter flowers in the Sanctuary and throughout the Kirk are presented to the glory of the Risen Christ in loving memory or in honor of . . .

In honor of the Kirk Pastors, with praise and thanksgiving from the Kirk congregation.

In honor of Dr. Ed Yousif, teacher of the Bill Robinson Bible Study *by members of the class.*

In honor of Elizabeth and Parker (Aunt and Uncle) *by Marge Salmonowicz.*

In honor of Norman Hofley *by his family.*

In honor of Grace McDowell (Aunt) *by Marge Salmonowicz.*

In honor of Jennifer Morris *by Susan Jones.*

In honor of Zachary Mittelstaedt who was confirmed March 28 *with much love from his Grandma.*

In honor of the Kirk Staff with appreciation from the Kirk congregation.

In honor of the Kirk Trinity Stitchers *by Marcia Miller.*

In honor of those they have lost and remember *by Bruce, Terri and Alexis Miller.*

Love and Blessings to their families, friends and church community *by Terri, Brad and Carl Hanpeter.*

Loved ones they have lost *by Kathy and Will Heritage.*

Russell C. Anderson *by The Russell C. Anderson Family.*

Benjamin L. Arnold III *by The Arnold Family.*

Hette and John Block and Marie and Donald Krenke *by DonnaMarie and Jon Block.*

Phyllis and Darrell Borgstrom *by Beverly Borgstrom.*

Donald T. Breen *by his wife, Camille Breen.*

Jean and Paul Brown, deceased In-laws of Pam Brown.

Alyce and Harold Chargot, deceased parents of Pam Brown.

Monte and Charlotte Clark and their daughter, Michelle (Shelly) Rene Clark *by Michelle Anne Clark.*

Reagan David *by Molly, Donald and Chloe David.*

Darrell Duffield and Florence and Carl Wells *by James Wells.*

Gary L. Field *by The Riendl Family.*

Paul Fink, Jr. *by The Maloziecs.*

Susan Gentilia *by The Gentilia Family.*

George and Helen Hall and Dean L. Ellis *by Annie Ellis.*

Richard T. Hartzell *by his family.*

Jeffrey K. Haynes *by Karen Haynes and family.*

Robert E. Hoisington *by his family.*

Aaron Holme *by Cheryl Adams.*

Rex and Carol Holton, their grandson, Kyle and their son-in-law, Wm Little *by Linda Little.*

Martin and Edith Hutt *by John and Wendy Hutt.*

Fred and Rosemary Juracek *by Linda Juracek-Lipa.*

John King *by Larry Neal.*

Eugene, Marilyn and Alan Klein *by Kelley Klein and family.*

Edith Kuhn, the family LOVES YOU and misses you every day *by Ronald Kuhn.*

David Lau *by The Lau Family.*

David Laurent *by his wife and daughter.*

Dr. John H. Libcke *by his wife, Jean and children, Bob, Martha and Jane and families.*

Albert and Jeanne Maas *by Marge and Allan Whittemore.*

Robert E. McGee *by The Riendl Family.*

Alex and Evelyn McKeen *by The McKeen Family.*

Roderick and Grace McKinnon *by John and Wendy Hutt.*

George A. Meschke *by his wife, Diane Meschke.*

Susan Elizabeth Trowl Milliken *by her loving family.*

Robert and Peg Nampa *by The Boswell Family.*

Sue Owen *by Melissa Korff and Laura Breckner.*

Anita Pinson *by Kirk Singers and Kirk Spiritual Book Study.*

Joel Pott *by his family.*

Charley and Margaret Sarlund *by Curtis, Wendy, Will and Molly Myers.*

Kevin Schaefer *by Anne Schaefer.*

M. Lynne Scheiber *by Dennis E. Scheiber, Jacquelyn, Logan, Kaitlynne and family.*

Bob Schindler *by Jeff and Jean Kallgren.*

Virginia and Edward Shelton and Margaret Rende *by Samantha Shelton.*

Maynard Timm *by Noreen Markley.*

Amelia Lauren Tomlinson *by her parents, Daniel and Lucinda Tomlinson and her brother and family, David, Pamela, Sutton Jaye and Harper Belle Tomlinson.*

Charles Trowl *by his loving family.*

Gloria Watt *by Susan Jones.*

Mae and Henry Wolfe and Esther and Emil Pyorala *by Jim and Py Wolfe.*

Warren Wolfe *by The Woodward Wolfe Family.*

Craig Woodward *by The Woodward Wolfe Family.*

Beloved wife, mom, and nana, Edie Kuhn *by The Jakubiak and Kuhn Families and Ron Kuhn.*

Her late husband, Mark Brown *by Pam Brown.*

Her mother, Opal O'Kelley, grandparents, Sidney and Maude Gibson, and baby, Grandson, Jacob DeWolf *by Sydrena Epstein.*

Her mother, Jean Ann Cheng *by Dr. Joann H. Cheng.*

Diane's sister, Donna Heliste *by Hugh "Sandy" and Diane McLeod.*

Jean's parents, Edmund and Mary Schindler *by Jeff and Jean Kallgren.*

Parents, George and Pat Black *by Steve Black.*

Parents, Roger and Maxine Ulstad *by Beverly Borgstrom.*

Their beloved Dads and Grandpas, John Stong and Edward Hanpeter *by Terri, Brad and Carl Hanpeter.*

Their beloved Grandparents, Rod and Jean Kallgren *by their 18 Grandchildren and their partners and their 13 GREAT Grandchildren.*

Their granddaughter, Shannon McBeth *by Hugh "Sandy" and Diane McLeod.*

Their grandparents, Rod and Jean Kallgren *by Emily, Jessica and Taylor.*

Their parents *by Janna and Craig Snyder.*

Their parents, Rod and Jean Kallgren *by Jeff, Doug, Scott, Chris, Ted and Peter Kallgren.*

Their parents, and in honor of the men and women serving in our military *by Don and Grace Guthrie.*

Their parents, Marjorie and Donald Rader and Earl and Lucia Harris *by Judy and Waller Harris.*

Their parents, Bruno and Zosh Ragan and John and Sally Marshall *by Bruno and Cathy Ragan.*