

Easter Letter 2026



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

These are not simply words we exchange out of tradition or seasonal habit. They are the most world-altering announcement ever made. On that first Easter morning, when the stone was rolled away and the tomb stood empty, everything changed — not just for those first trembling disciples who ran toward the garden, but for every one of us who has ever dared to hope that death does not have the final word.

We gather again around this glorious truth. The grave could not hold Him. Darkness could not silence Him. And the same resurrection power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is alive and at work in you and in me today. Please ponder this.

This Easter, I want to speak directly to your heart — because I believe many of us have come to this season carrying something heavy, something quiet, a longing we have perhaps struggled to put into words. And the good news is that the risen Christ meets us exactly there.

There are seasons in life when we become acutely aware of our own weariness. That longing you feel — the one whispering that there must be more, that things can be different, that you were made for something bigger, fresher and freer than the life you have been living — It may, in fact, be the very place where resurrection hope takes root.

Our mighty and loving God always initiates. The apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!" (CSB) And this promise doesn't mean something new has been added to your life. The promise is transformation. The old has passed away. The new has come. In Christ, you are not a new version of yourself. A new person, new race on the Earth.

This is the heartbeat of Easter. The same Jesus who conquered death offers you a life that death — including the slow, quiet death of despair, shame, and stagnation — cannot touch. In Him, newness is not just possible. It is promised as yours.

But perhaps you are wondering what does this renewal actually look like? Paul answers this in Romans 6:4: "Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life." (CSB)

Walk. That word is important. He says walk in it, step by step, day by day, in the ordinary and the sacred alike. You were buried with Christ and raised with Christ. That resurrection life is the ground beneath your feet right now. Every morning you rise, you are invited to walk again in the newness that Christ has already secured for you.

You do not need to carry what Christ has already buried. You do not need to resurrect what God has buried. You are free to walk. Walk in the new life that the risen Christ has opened before you.

May the God of resurrection hope renew you from the inside out. May the old things that have held you back lose their grip and may the new thing God is doing in you rise like the dawn — steady, sure, and full of light. May you walk in the freedom of who you are in Christ — a new creation, beloved and fully alive.

The "Easter Offering" this year will be a 50/50 split. Full Shelf Food Pantry and Fifth Avenue Neighborhood Table will be the recipients.

He is risen.

And because He lives, so do you — fully, freely, and newly.

With resurrection joy and love,

Pastor Hae-Jeong