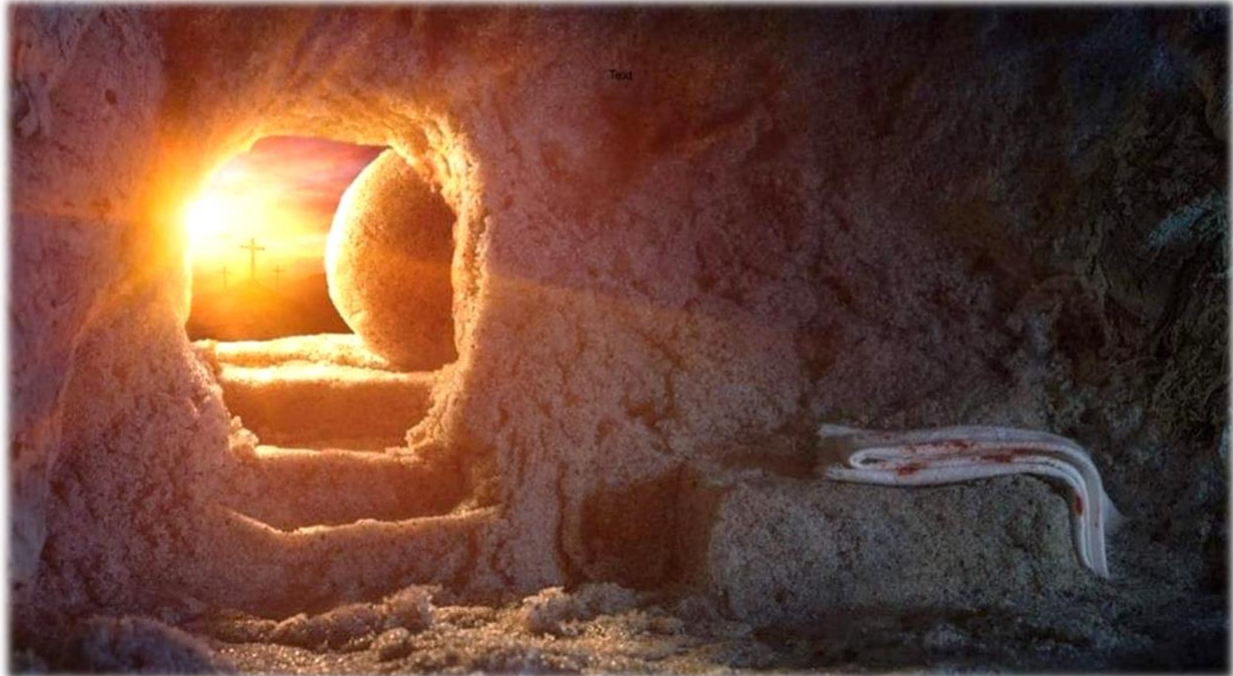




CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 5, 2026
PASTOR ~ THE REV. DR. PETER VERMEULEN
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Welcome,
GUESTS!

*At Christ United Methodist Church we want to help you
take your next steps with Christ.*

Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM / Worship ~ 10:00 AM

- * We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning as we celebrate our Risen Savior! We pray you find a warm welcome and a moving worship experience.
- * Please register your attendance on the *Connection Card* found in the pew book holder.

* Nursery for **children ages 5 and under** is located across the courtyard in the Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher for assistance in locating.

* Children **Kindergarten thru Fifth grade** will return to their parents following the Children's Moment to participate in the life of the church and receive communion. If you prefer your child not receive communion, they may remain in their seat or go to the kneeling rail with their arms crossed over their chest to receive a blessing. Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the Narthex.

* Williams Hearing Assist listening devices are available at the sound booth.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>Easter Fanfare and Chorale</i>	CHESTERTON
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME		Lay Reader
OPENING PRAYER		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Alive)</i>	Chancel Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP		Lay Reader & Congregation
Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!		
All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!		
Leader: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!		
All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!		
Leader: God has transformed a dead end into a new start!		
All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!		
Leader: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!		
All: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!		
<i>Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.</i>		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE		UMH # 303 <i>The Day of Resurrection</i>
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION		The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen w/Congregational Response
Pastor: Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we see our own death, we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness. And we remember how we have treated other people members of our family, friends, and neighbours.		
People: Lord, we come to your tomb, we see a hungry world before us, the pain of starving children, the guilt of war on our hands, and we know that collectively we share in those injustices.		
Pastor: Lord, we come to the empty tomb, we search within ourselves, and we cannot escape what we are, people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing, for some, a deep sense of loneliness and a frustration of what we would be but are not.		
People: Lord, when we come to the empty tomb, we lay before you our pain, our emptiness and look to you for hope.		
Pastor: People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty tomb? Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you uncomfortable here?		
People: Our wounds are deep, we have turned away from that man, we have broken with him and seek his fellowship.		
Pastor: Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now. Christ has risen to forgive us.		
ALL: Thanks be to God.		
<i>Excerpted from Service of Holy Communion 2010, posted on the River of Life website. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/easter-confession.html.</i>		
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED		UMH # 880
* GLORIA PATRIUMH # 70		
MORNING PRAYER		Lay Reader
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Alive, Forever, Amen</i>	Mrs. Delisa Kyzer
* DOXOLOGY	UMH #95	
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Revelation Song Medley</i>	Chancel Choir
* SCRIPTURE		Acts 10:40 / Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:12-18
The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God!		
The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to God!		

GREAT THANKSGIVING 16: EASTER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! . . .

Therefore, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven,
we join in the song of unending praise, singing (saying):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Truly holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. . .

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH # 310 *He Lives*

* BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

POSTLUDE

March

HANDEL

* Please stand if you are able



The flowers in the Altar area are given by Sandy & Debbie Dempster to the Glory of God in Memory of Debbie's Parents.

SERVING TODAY

Acolytes: Zoe Wilcher & Tyler Davidson

Counter: Nikki Massey

Lay Reader: Jim Moore

Media & Sound: Mike Crocker

Ushers: Cathy Schoonover * & Joe Galipo

*help with offering

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- > Acts 10:34-43
- > Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- > John 20:1-18
- > Jeremiah 31:1-6
- > Colossians 3:1-4
- > Matthew 28:1-10



You are invited to join the Leadership Board in a mission statement / visioning meeting on **Saturday, April 11, 10am.**

Three statements have been received in the office, in no

particular order!

~ *Christ United Methodist Church: Where Grace Meets Home.*

~ *Christ United Methodist Church: Faith That Moves, Love That Transforms.*

~ *Share the Love. Feel the Grace. Make a Difference*

If you would like to submit a statement for consideration, please email it to the office.

If you will attend the meeting, please rsvp to the office by Wednesday, April 8.

The Church office will be **CLOSED** tomorrow.

MARCH 29 ATTENDANCE:
60 in-person / 6 on-line / 352 FB views

PINK HYDRANGEAS have been donated to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory Of:

Joe & Ada Buxton by Les & Charline Arent
Bill & Marylee Arent by Les & Charline Arent
Jesse & Estelle Peacock and Hiram & Mildred Crenshaw by Anita & Ray Crenshaw
Carol Mathis by Frank & Merrie DeJeet
Betty Thompson by Fred Thompson

BLUE HYDRANGEAS have been donated to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory Of:

Our Parents by Bill & Gail Goodwin
Stella Thompson, My Mom by Fred Thompson

In Honor Of:

Rob & Shanyn Humphry by Les & Charline Arent
Dr. Vance B. Mathis by Frank & Merrie DeJeet
Frank & Linda DeJeet by Frank & Merrie DeJeet
Our Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren by Bill & Gail Goodwin

You may take your hydrangea home after worship.



Each Sunday beginning April 12th at 4pm in the Sanctuary. Pray however you feel led ~ out loud or quietly. Printed prayers will be available. Come spend time with God!

