

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Musician: Carol Engel
Director of Children, Youth, and Food Shelf: Kristin Gontea
Pastor Jef Olson

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" (UMH 304)

***Act of Praise** The Apostles' Creed – Ecumenical Version (UMH 882)

Prayer of Confession

Message for the Children

Joys, Concerns (Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer)

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology (UMH 95)

Offertory Prayer

First Lesson (Deuteronomy 30:19-20; Joshua 24:14-15)

Hymn of Faith "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (UMH 420)

Gospel Lesson (John 5:24)

The Message

"Choose Life"

Jef Olson

***Closing Hymn** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (UMH 462)

Benediction

Postlude

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SUMC CALENDAR

Sunday, April 12: 9-10am Worship; 10:15-11am Sunday School & Kid's Choir

Monday, April 13: 9am-12pm Office Open – Kristin; **4-7pm Open Hearts Food Shelf**

Wednesday, April 15: **9am-12pm Open Hearts Food Shelf**; 6:30-8pm Small Youth Group & Confirmation

Thursday, April 16: 9-12pm Office Open – Sarah; 5-6pm Garden Ministry Meeting; 6-8pm Racine Food Shelf

Sunday, April 19: 9-10am Worship; 10:15-11am Sunday School & Kid's Choir

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 26: Women in the Pulpit Sunday; Youth Choral Performance during Worship

SUMC NOTES

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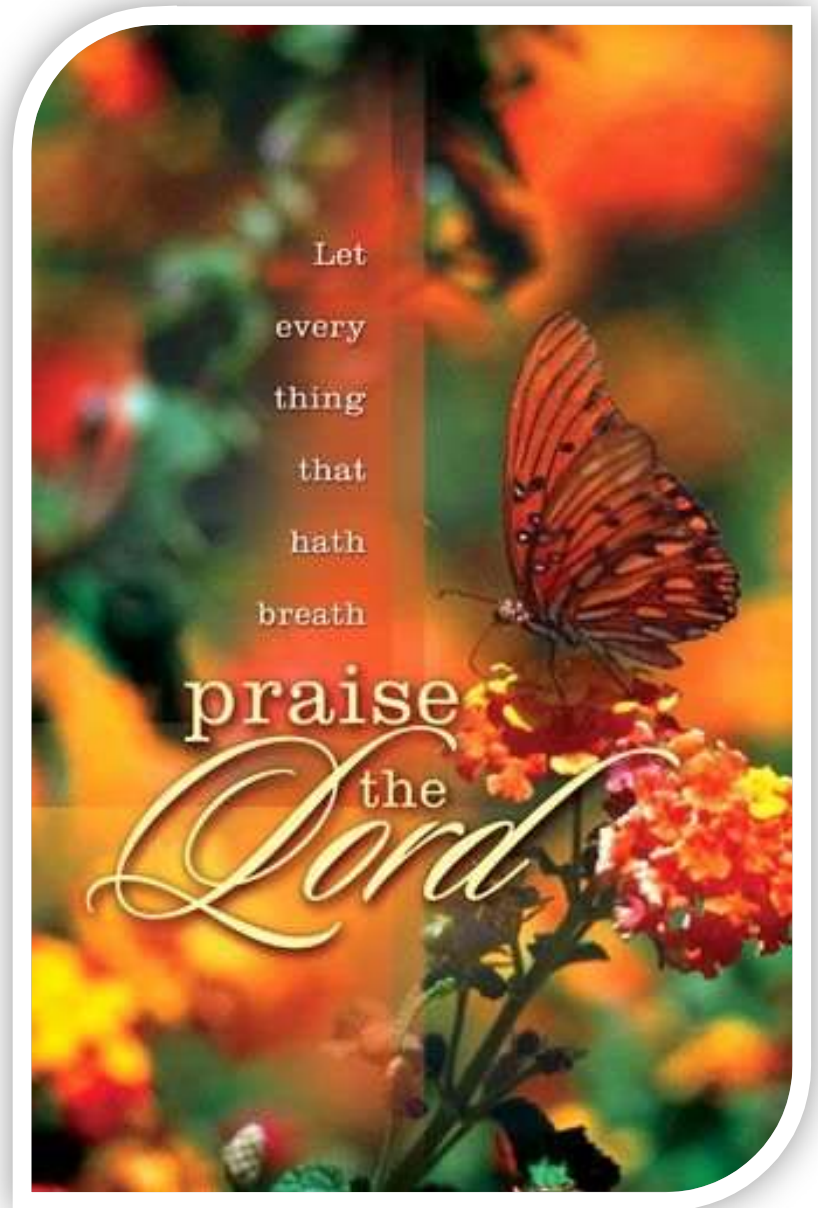
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Welcome!

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