

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to this service of victory! By God's all-powerful love Christ has been raised from death to life. We extend to you a special greeting in Christ's name. Special children's bulletins help to provide young children with a worship activity during our services. Bulletins are available from the ushers.

During worship services, our nursery welcomes all infants and toddlers. The nursery is located downstairs (accessed by the front door of the sanctuary). If assistance is needed, please ask an usher. Also downstairs is a "family room." The worship service is live-streamed and is ideal for those with active young children.

Welcome and Announcements

(We ask you to please sign and pass the "Getting to Know God's People" pads so that we can get to know one another. The pads are located at the end of the pew next to the center aisle.)

Gathering Music *The Day of Resurrection* arr. Arnold Sherman

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

This is the day of Resurrection!

We celebrate the victory of the empty tomb!

Life has been rescued from death and decay.

Life is made new by God's transforming power.

Life is vibrant with energy and joy.

Let the alleluias loose!

Let your praises resound!

Life is abundant and eternal.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

*Hymn 234 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Easter Hymn

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

O God, we confess that we have sinned.

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we entomb Christ in the pages of history and seal the joy of the Spirit behind the stone of our pride;

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we dismiss the Good News as merely an interesting story rather than welcoming it as amazing truth:

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy;

We renounce evil and seek your love that is given through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Please stand if you are able

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Assurance of God's Forgiveness – How We Are Called to Live
Gospel for Children

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Alleluia, He Lives!* Joel Raney

*Presentation of the Offering – *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Easter Gospel.....Matthew 27:62-28:10

Hymn 238 *Because He Lives* Resurrection

Sermon..... **Jesus Is On the Move...** Scott D. Brown

*Hymn 235 *Christ Arose!* Christ Arose

*An Easter Affirmation (*unison*)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make us new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church,

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our Judge and our Hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!

Prayers of Gratitude to God and on Behalf of Others

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.

- *Anthem..... *Hallelujah* G.F. Handel
- *Commissioning and Blessing
- *Sending Music.....arr. David Paxton
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
- *A Time of Greeting – Go Forth to Serve in the Name of Christ!

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The Colts Neck Reformed Church is a community of people committed to welcoming all into the life of our church family. We commit to affirm the beauty, value, and gifts of all individuals. These commitments are not subject to a person's color, race, ethnicity, place of origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, relationship status (single, married, separated, divorced), socioeconomic situation, or a person's mental, physical, or emotional health or ability. Everyone is welcome to participate fully in the life of our faith-filled community. Anyone seeking to know more about Jesus is welcome at Colts Neck Reformed Church.

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Church Staff

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Worship Schedule

- Worship Service..... 9:30 a.m.
This worship service is live-streamed via YouTube and Facebook.
- Sunday school 9:50 a.m.
- Coffee and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m.
On the first Sunday of the month, worship will be held at 9:30 and 11:00am.



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