



April 12, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM
Second Sunday Of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prayer | César Franck

James Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Easter is more than just one day. Easter is a season! For this reason, we can say again, “Christ is risen!” Say it with me:

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! The news is so good we can say it again and again!

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia, Amen!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 302 †

He Lives | *United Methodist Hymnal*

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

What are the signs of resurrection you see in the world?

We see sunlight, rainbows, and flowers on trees!

What else do you see?

We see people helping, caring, and doing good deeds!

We are God's people! We believe in resurrection.

Thank you, God; thank you, Jesus; thank you, Holy Spirit. Amen and Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

Friends, hear the good news. In Christ, you are a new creation: the old is gone, the new has come! Let us greet each other with the peace of Christ, saying, "May the peace of Christ be with you." And also with you!

HYMN OF PRAISE 162 †

Alleluia, Alleluia | United Methodist Hymnal

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SONG

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me— the Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

LESSON 1: We See the Empty Tomb Reading: Matthew 28: 1-2, 5-6

HYMN 311 VS 1-2

Now the Green Blade Riseth | United Methodist Hymnal

LESSON 2: We See Jesus in the Garden Reading: John 20: 11-16

HYMN 307 VS 1&3

Christ is Risen | United Methodist Hymnal

LESSON 3: We See Evidence of New Life and Resurrection in the World Reading: Isaiah 55 12-13

HYMN 317 VS 1&5

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing | United Methodist Hymnal

LESSON 4: We Bring the Good News Into the World: Matthew 28: 16-20

HYMN 303 †

The Day of Resurrection | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Heather Rose

Congregation Response: Alleluia, Alleluia

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883 †

GLORIA PATRI 70 †

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

OFFERTORY †

Chancel Choir

How Can I Keep from Singing | arr. Eric Nelson

DOXOLOGY (94) †

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

God you have given us so many gifts. Use them, we pray, along with these gifts of time, talent, and treasure, that the resurrection may be known throughout the whole world. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You are a child of God created in the Divine Image. You are welcomed, affirmed, and included at First Church, not despite, but because of your age, ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity. This is how the Holy Spirit works: when you are welcomed, all are welcomed. When all are welcomed and embraced as the Body of Christ, the world is transformed into a place where all of God's Children can THRIVE, finding the Trust, Health, Relationship, Imagination, Value, and Education they need. We are all children of God. Thanks be to God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING †

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna
in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest. Hosanna in the highest**

...Let us pray together.

**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 trespasses as we
forgive those, who trespass against us, and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP †

Communion hymns can be found on pages 451, 452

in the United Methodist Hymnal.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLSHIP †

Hymn OF COMMITMENT 304 †

Easter

People, Raise Your Voices | United Methodist Hymnal

BENEDICTION †

BENEDICTION RESPONSE †

Go on your way with joy, my friends,

Go on your way with joy, my friends,

Go on your way with joy, my friends,

Let your left foot say “Glory” and your right say “Amen.”

POSTLUDE

James Stanley

Alleluia | Cesar Franck

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy:

Rev. Heather Rose

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Music & Worship Arts: Chancel Choir, Shannon Webb, James Stanley

Liturgist: The Shenep Family, The Englert-Jessen Family, The Wyers-Rogers Family, The Beard Family

Audio/Visual: Gilbert Ponder, Jake Wyatt

Altar Guild: Paula Johnson, Debbie Boyd

Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Floyd J. Trantham. Given by Holly Trantham.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Hilda Thomas, Donna Bair, Amelia Botteicher, Nancy Harber, Sandy Watson, Pat Matthews, Bill Hudgens, William Gerrard, Kay Bell, Hatley Rodgers, Tom Small, Carol Roddy

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, April 12, 2026

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm UWF Lunch & Meeting
1:00 pm Beginner Taiko
2:30 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
3:00 pm Intermediate Drumming
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, April 13, 2026

9:00 am Flower Girls
9:00 am Food Bank Backpack Pickup
12:00 pm 3 Pastors Walk Into A Bar
12:00 pm CDC Board Meeting
1:00 pm Community Café

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:00 am Tues. Morning Bible Study
9:30 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Worship Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
4:15 pm FANN
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

1:00 pm Community Café
5:45 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Crafts & Conversation Night
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, April 16, 2026

4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy