

**GRACE UNITED CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY**



April 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Scott Martin, LLWL

Music Director: Don Salfarlie

Guest Musician: David Harmsworth

Presider: Portia Mensah-Bonsu

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: We are the Reason David Meece

Prelude: Agnus Dei Michael W. Smith

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Opening Prayer: Portia Mensah-Bonsu

Let us Pray, Good Morning God, we come this morning with eager anticipation. As we seek to know you better, we come here with our usual old lives. We need our world to be made new, and changed. We look for the Risen Spirit of Jesus, who is already among us and who is seeking to be more at home in our lives. Amen

Call to Worship: Portia Mensah-Bonsu

One: This is Easter!

All: The Day of Resurrection!

One: This is Easter

All: The Day of Hope!

One: This is Easter

All: The Day of Christ!

One: What a glorious day!

All: Christ is risen; Indeed, Alleluia!

One: Our lives are changed forever

All: Thanks be to God!

Lighting the Christ Candle: Portia Mensah-Bonsu

We light the Christ candle on this Easter Sunday morning, as we resurrect and renew our lives, celebrating the hope, the life and love of Jesus Christ and to share it to the world once more.

Praise and Worship 1: Led by Grace Choir

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Voices United #155

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Children's Moment:

Scott Martin, LLWL

Song: Alleluia (Uruguay) MV #52 (2X)

Led by Andy Keay

Children leave for Sunday School

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18 NIV

Norma Ferguson

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem: The Love of God

Sermon: It is Easter Sunday

Scott Martin, LLWL

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory / Special Music: Jesus, Lord to Me

G. McSpadden & G. Nelson

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

VU #541

Offering Dedication Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Praise and Worship 2: Led by Grace Choir

The Strife is O'er

Voices United #159

Agape Meal

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also, with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give thanks and praise

Hymn: Memorial Acclamation

MV #204

Let us pray:

All gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for this meal and for the hands that prepared it. As we break bread together, may we be nourished not only in body but also in spirit. May this meal be a reminder of your boundless love and the community you call us to build. Bless this meal, bless this fellowship and may your presence be among us as we share in your abundant grace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Serving the Meal:

One: Has everyone been fed?

All: Lord, we have all been fed, thanks be to God

Let us pray:

As we have shared this meal, as we rise from this table, may the grace we've tasted here continue to nourish us everyday.
Amen

Hymn: Great Amen

More Voices #205

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning & Benediction:

Postlude: (Congregation please stand)

Choir Anthem: The Hallelujah Chorus

(From "The Messiah" Handel)
