

† Please stand as you are able.

*Prelude* Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo  
*Welcome and Announcements* Rev. Adam Benson  
*Chiming the Trinity*  
†*Song* “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” (3x) **TFWS 2026**  
*Opening Prayer* (in unison)—by *Bishop Will Willimon*  
**Lord Jesus, on this grand day you gave death the slip and rose to new life. The tomb could not hold you, nor could our limited lives and truncated imaginations. You not only rose from the dead but also came back to us. You not only kicked open the door of your tomb but also forced open the closed doors of our hearts. You came back to us, spoke to us, and empowered us to be your witnesses of your resurrection. This is our only hope. We ask you continue to overcome our reservations and our doubts, keep kicking open our doors, come to us and show us your glory, making every day of our lives an Easter. Hallelujah! Amen.**  
*Young Disciples Time*  
†*Flowering of the Cross*  
†*Hymn* “Crown Him with Many Crowns (v. 1-2, 4) **UMH 327**  
†*Hymn* “Thine Be the Glory” (all v.) **UMH 308**  
*Choir and Congregation* “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” arr. by Kristina Langois  
*After this hymn, the young disciples may proceed to the nursery or return to their seats*  
*Prayer for Illumination*  
**Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit, roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.**  
New Testament Lesson: Acts 10:34-43  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8  
One: this is the Word of God for us the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God!**  
*Choir Anthem* "O Praise the Living King!" by Lloyd Larson  
*Sermon* “To be Continued” Rev. Adam Benson  
*Apostles Creed* **UMH 882**

## HOLY COMMUNION

One: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

**Many: Forgive us, free us, and make us victorious over sin.**

By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

**Guide us in the way of eternal life.**

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

**Direct our lives as your new creation.**

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you,

**Amen.**

### *Peace of Christ*

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.**

*The hymn of unending praise:*

**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.**

*The mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

†*Receiving the Bread and Cup of Christ*

*Prayer After Communion (In Unison)*

**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Offering*

*Doxology*

*Prayer over the Offering*

†*Closing Hymn* “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (v.1-4,6) **UMH 155**

**Blessing**

*Listen, He is alive! May the risen Lord rise in your hearts. As Jesus was lifted up, may you be lifted up to know and experience the depth and the breadth of God's love for you. May you know that Christ has already gone ahead of you, so there is nothing you can endure, no place you can go, where Christ isn't already there. Go out empowered with Easter joy knowing you are God's "to be continued." Amen.*

**Postlude**

Desiree Davis-Omburo

*During the postlude, we will gather at the flowering cross for a group picture.*

**Announcements:**

*Happy Easter! He is risen. He is risen, indeed.*

*Next week, Pastor Adam will be taking off Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, so there will be no Coffee with the Pastor or Lectio Divina*



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# Easter Sunday



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