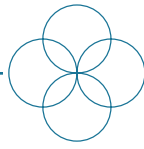


We embrace all as we journey  
**the way of Jesus**



CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



April 5, 2026  
Easter

Welcome

Prelude

**“Crown Him Lord of All ”**  
Chancel Choir

*George J. Elvey, arr. Mary Mc Donald*

Call to Worship

Barry Petracco, Liturgist

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

One: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**All: The stone has been rolled away, the tomb is empty, and death has been defeated!**

One: Come, people of God, let us worship the One who gives life,  
who brings light out of darkness, and hope out of despair.

**All: We lift our voices in praise, for Christ is alive, and we are made new!**  
**Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Red Hymnal #183

**“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

Praying Together (*unison*)

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!**

**We give you thanks, Holy Author of Life, for raising Jesus from the dead,  
for making him the first fruits of abundant and eternal life.**

**Accept our praise as we joyfully claim the Good News, and  
welcome your Spirit into our lives once more.**

**May this hour help us make our lives a daily celebration of your love made visible,  
that we might claim our identity as Easter people not only today, but in every day! Amen**

Children's Moment

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

**“Joy in the Morning”**

*Natalie Sleeth*

Anna Berringer, Ella Clark, Talia Zoll – vocals, Jacob Priddy – piano, guest musicians

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

**Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18**

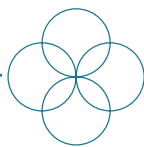
Sermon

**Christ is Risen!**

Rev. Diane Vego

Red Hymnal #188

**“Thine Be the Glory”**



## Sacrament of Holy Communion

“Largo” from *Lute Concerto in D Major*

Max Gise – guitar

A. Vivaldi

### Song

“Joyful, Joyful”

Casting Crowns

#### Verse 1:

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.

**[Repeat]**

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away

#### Refrain

Joyful, joyful, we adore You.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before You.  
Joyful, joyful, we adore You.  
Joyful, we adore You.

#### Verse 2:

All your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and Heav'n reflect Your rays.  
Stars and angels sing around You,  
Center of unbroken praise.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away.

**[Refrain]**

#### Bridge

God, our Father, Christ, our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine.  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

**[Repeat]**

**[Refrain]**

## Benediction

### Postlude

“Rejoice and Be Glad”

Chancel Choir

Glenn A. Pickett

### Easter Musicians

Max Gise, Guitar  
Jacob Priddy, Piano  
Toni Sheffer, Organ  
Melissa Cox, Flute  
Danny Manning, Saxophone  
Jack Gise, Clarinet

Owen Vennemeyer, French horn  
Peter Borah, Trumpet  
Eric Lechlitter, Trumpet  
Spencer Merk, Trombone  
Hayden Floro, Timpani

## Offerings

If you would like to make an offering, you may put it in the plate during the service or give online using this QR code:





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## • Welcome to Christ Church

If you'd like information about our church, you can find our online service, newsletter, and much more on the church's website: [christchurchft.org](http://christchurchft.org).

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to: <https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



## • Church Council Needs You

We still have three positions to fill.

Positions available are:

- Secretary
- Councilor
- Worship – Spiritual Life

Please see Snezana Tenhunfeld, Jen Korpik, Jane Petracco, or Debbie Paillette if interested.

## • Pack the Pews

Next Sunday, April 12

We are asking you to invite friends, family members, neighbors, and those you love to Christ Church. Pastor Diane will deliver a message which everyone will find meaningful.

## • Creative Conversations

Next Sunday, April 12 (also May 17)

We will meet right after the church service in the History Room to welcome and get to know people who are either coming back or those that are new. We look forward to seeing you there!

## • Birthdays and Anniversaries

Gregory Oetjen

Jessica Bach

Jane Cox

Marie Cunningham

Steve & Shelley Kappesser

James & Helen Long

# Announcements

## • Discipleship Opportunities

Each week – All are welcome! No need to sign up.

- **Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room**  
Adult Discipleship
- **Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)**  
Small group discussion.  
(Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)
- **Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room**  
Book study group

## • Visiting Choir Service

Sunday, April 19

Get ready to experience a wonderful song-filled service with visitors from First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake in Illinois. We will be welcoming 13 young people whose ministry of song is something you won't want to miss.

## • Brighton Center Donations

We will be collecting **Canned Meat** (tuna, chicken, salmon, spam) for April. Thanks to everyone for helping with this!

## • Family Game Night!

Sunday, April 26, right after the service

we're having a Play and Laugh Game Time. All ages, children and adults, are welcome! We'll share pizza for lunch and enjoy a fun time of fellowship together. We hope to see you there!

## • Prayer Changes Us

**Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:**

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

**Prayer Requests:**

David Hosea, Makayla, Kelly Greenwalt, Karma Klingenberg, Katie Leftin, Barb Stinnett, Suzanne Jones, Greg Vogel, Jim Rehtin Jr., Maggie, Sallie Schmidt, Jeff McCall, Marcia Storm, Chris P., Mike Bizzarro, Mark Helminiak, Tim Kennedy, Jim & Barb Korpik, the family of Marcia Hosea, the family of Joyce Fehler, Laura, Jeff, Jack Emmerich, Melissa Brockman, Joe, Jed, Kelsey Morgan, Rich, Carolyn Honchell, Donna Hoffman, the family of Barb Stinnett  
(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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