

Main Street United Church

“Open Door, Open Heart, Open Hand, Open Mind.”

April 19, 2026: 3rd Sunday of Easter



* - indicates stand, as able

bold – indicates congregational response

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GREETING & WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the season of Easter:

the celebration of resurrection,

the festival of hope,

the promise of new beginnings,

the dance of faith,

the song of joy,

the music of gladness,

the hymn of love.

Let us worship our life-giving God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN:** This Is the Day, MV122

*This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!*

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*Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
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Singing hallelu!*

We will rejoice and be glad! {x2}

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, you shed light into our darkened world.

Yet we choose to walk in shadows of indifference and fear: forgive us, Risen Christ.

From the cool, refreshing waters of a deep well,
you offer us a drink of life-giving water.

**Yet we choose to drink from wells of bitterness and
anger: forgive us, Risen Christ.**

As life emerges from fertile soil,
you invite us to newness and growth.

**Yet we choose the parched soil of hatred, materialism,
and greed: forgive us, Risen Christ.**

With songs of celebration, you invite us to join the
dance of God's tomorrow.

Yet we choose to sit, ignoring the music.

Take our hands, O Christ,
and lead us in the dance of your tomorrow.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SPIRIT SIGHTINGS

***HYMN:** Open My Eyes, That I May See, VU371

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Living God, by the power of your Spirit,

**All: ignite our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed,
that we may receive you with joy. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

Reader: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Hallelujah!

THE GIFT OF MUSIC**REFLECTION:** “The 100th episode”***HYMN:** Thine Is the Glory, VU173**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERING DEDICATION:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks,
refrain VU179**MINUTE FOR MISSION*****HYMN:** We Are Pilgrims, VU595***BLESSING & SENDING FORTH*****CHORAL CLOSING:** May the God of Hope, verse 1 VU424**POSTLUDE**