



Hallelujah!

*The Lord
is risen indeed.*

LUKE 24:34

Rev. Lee, Guest Minister
Karl, Liturgist
Judy, Music Tech

April 5, 2026

Easter Celebration!

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Colossians 3:1-4 (pg. 201 [246 LP] NT)

BRINGING IN EASTER JOY!

(An invitation to all to help bring Easter beauty into the sanctuary!)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: First she saw the empty tomb; then she heard Christ call her name and she ran to tell the news: "Christ is risen!"

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Life changed forever that first Easter morning.

People: **For Mary; for me; for the world!**

Leader: Come! Bring the beauty of Easter into this house!
We'll celebrate the joy of our living Lord!

*HYMN #113

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Light your journey with Jesus' words

Diana

"I am the resurrection and the Life"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Good and Gracious God, Almighty in power – even over death, you bring us in joy as we gather this day. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Life – our lives drawn in communion with you. Thank you Lord, for the gift of family, of friends, for the memory of loved ones. In the blessed hope this day brings to the world, help us reach out and take your steadfast hand, trusting our future to you. Stir our faith to boldly claim and proclaim Christ alive and present

in our lives. Hear us as we come to you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (pg. 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

(pg. 565 [694 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 10:34-43* (pg. 129 [157 LP] NT)

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art" Craig

GOSPEL LESSON *John 20:1-18* (pg 33 [41 LP] NT)

SERMON Rev. Lee

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #104 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (pg 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION for OFFERINGS AND ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The Service of Communion

*HYMN #513 "Let us Break Bread Together"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

(continue on the back of bulletin)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The communion bread this morning is GLUTEN-FREE unleavened bread. Ingredients: gluten-free flour, water, canola oil and salt

Wine is in the middle ring of the tray.

PRAYER (*Unison*)

Bless us, Lord, to be your own, live as your disciples, following in the way of the cross, giving of ourselves to the needs of others. In your presence with us may we find our strength and courage to be your will. We pray in your Name. Amen

HUNGER FUND OFFERING

This offering is a Special Collection taken on Communion Sundays to help those in need within our community

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH

NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday,
April 7th at 4:00 p.m.

*HYMN #118

"The Day of Resurrection!"

BENEDICTION

Leader: "Christ is Risen!"
People: "He has Risen indeed!"
ALL: Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

For the week beginning April 5, 2026

GREETERS: Julie and John Pagett
PRAYER FAMILY: Carol Miller
ELDER for the Month: Barb Fairbanks

Mon. Office Closed

Tues. Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Nominating Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Wed. Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Thurs. Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Next

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship

Guest Speaker: Mary Whitcomb

Liturgist: Craig Hinman

Greeters: Troy and Amy Spehar

Organist: Linden Foster

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

We are currently collecting **TUNA** for the Portville Community Food Pantry.

FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT

Rev. Bruce Levine at 716-378-6773 or

Judy McClain at 716-933-6303



Alleluia! Christ
has Risen
He has Risen
Indeed!



Easter Flower Dedications



Cso in memory of
My Parents: Irma and Bela
My Sister: Ildiko Vita and
My Sister: Eniko Vita

Connie and Norm King & Family, in memory of
Joel N.
Norman L. and Lillian T.
Raymond B. Eaton & Eileen
Chester J.

Diana Dunbar in memory of
My family that has gone before me
and in honor of
My family with me now

The Kloss Family, in memory of
Glen and Eleanor
Bob and Liz
Katherine
Pamela
Martin

Buffy, in memory of
Loved Ones

Julie, in memory of
Sharon
Christine Rebecca

Carl and Anita, in memory of
Our parents and grandparents
and in honor of
Our children and grandchildren

Terry and Judy, in memory of
Vicki
James

And all heaven
and earth rejoices!
Alleluia! Christ is
Risen! He is Risen

Flowers can be picked up today after service

