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The Service of Worship

Easter Sunday–Year A



April 5, 2026		10:30 am
“Herliebster Jesu”		Gerald Near
Welcome and Announcements		Emily Perl
Prelude	“The Morning of the Third Day”	Lani Smith
Opening Meditation		e.e. cummings
One: Christ is risen! <b>All: Christ is risen indeed!</b>		
Opening Hymn (see insert)	“Resurrection!”	Choir and congregation Arr. Craig Curry
Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10		Liturgist
Response NCH #236	“Halleluja”	

Scripture Reading  
John 20:1-18

Liturgist

Hymn  
(see insert)

“Praise the One Who Breaks  
the Darkness”

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Scripture Reading  
Colossians 3:1-4

Liturgist

Response  
NCH #236

“Halleluja”

Anthem

“Rise Up In Us”

Amanda Udis-Kessler

The Message

“What Is Your/Our  
Resurrection Story?”

Emily Perl

*(“Christ Be Our Seed” by  
Carl Schalk)*

Hymn  
NCH #238

“Now The Green Blade  
Rises”

NOEL NOUVELET

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns  
(Please respond to each petition with “Risen Savior, hear our  
prayers.”)

**All: O God, worker of wonders, you made this day and all days for joy and gladness. Let the risen Lord abide with us, opening the words of the scriptures to us in new ways. As we break bread together, open our eyes that we may see all that the prophets foretold and recognize this table for all humans, created by You in your infinite love. Set our hearts aflame, that we may show your love and mercy throughout our homes, communities, and the whole world. Risen Savior, hear our prayers. Amen.**

The Invitation to the Table

One: On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ

**Many: On this day, we celebrate resurrection in our lives.**

One: On this day, we embrace the grace which reaches from the tomb.

**Many: On this day, we embrace faith by committing to love in action.**

One: On this day, we shout Hallelujah!

**Many: On this day we shout, Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Communion

Leader

Distribution of Elements

*We believe that the invitation to this table comes not from any church or individual, but from Jesus. We therefore invite in Christ’s name all who hear that invitation and who wish to respond by sharing the bread and the cup.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Through this space and time today, we celebrate the covenant that ties us with God,**

**Jesus the Christ, our neighbors and creation. Thank you, Divine Crafter of the Table, for fashioning us a holy meal unites us with the Body of Christ. Send us into the world resurrected, refreshed and ready to share Christ's unconditional love. Amen**

Hymn For Sending  
NCH #245

"The Day of Resurrection"

LANCASHIRE

Benediction

Emily Perl

Postlude

*Communion Liturgy written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, UCC. Prayers adapted from The Book of Common Worship*