

Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome

The Prelude: **“Come and Gather In”** *composer: Ralph Cheney*

The Call to Worship: *(By Mary Scifres)*

Look, life is here,
Even when the tomb is empty.
Listen, love is calling,
Even when death is all around.
Believe, for hope reigns victorious;
This is the gift of resurrection.
This is the miracle of Easter.
Hallelujah! Amen.

*The Opening Hymn: **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”** UMH #302 vs. 1-4

Opening Prayer: *(By Mary Scifres)*

Risen Christ, rise in our hearts with faith. Raise our voices in praise and lift our eyes to the hills of hope. Reveal to us your presence. Raise us up to new life, even as you were risen, that we may proclaim to the world: “Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!”

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

The Scripture Lessons: **John 20: 1-18** **Acts 10: 34-43**

A Time for Children: **“Planting Seeds”**

The Message: **“Who Will Testify”**

Celebration of Membership: **Nicholas McMillan** *(insert)*

Meditation in Music: **“Song of the Resurrection”** *Composer: Ralph Cheney*
Lyrics: Sandy Nisbet

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A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns
Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer **UMH # 895**

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*insert*)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

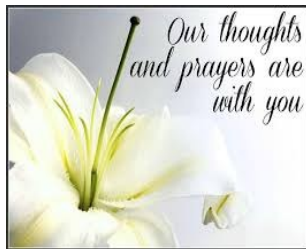
The Offering

- *Doxology **UMH # 95**
- *The Prayer of Dedication (*insert*)
- *The Closing Hymn: **"He Lives" UMH #310**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

The Postlude: **"Resurrection"**



Pastor Angela's Mom
Harold Aziz
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
Geneva and Norman
Beckwith
June Black
Michael Breed
Cathy Brissette
Russell Brown
Kendal Buck
Cameron (Ralph's
grandson)
Gretchen Clark
Dwight Cooper
Karen Crommett
Danielle
Barbara Dill
Donald
Donna & Mike
DiTaranto
Crystal Farris
Armand Fournier

Please pray for:

Harold & Lynn Gerard
Carol Sue
Giampitruzzi
Greg Giampetruzzi
Marge Gillman
The Guthrie Family
Vee Hanna's family
Samantha Hills
Nancy Holmes
Vicky Kelley
Michael LaPlante
Ann LeClair
Kevin Lee
Cathy & Mark
Leonard
Emily Long's grand
mother and
grandfather
Lois, sister-in-law of
Pat O'Connor
Jerry Lucas
Betty and Michael
McCray
Steve McNelly
Joe Mertz
David Meserve
Holly Meserve

Jim Meserve
Kathy Meserve
Ellen Minotty
Paula Moore
Herb Moreshead
Pat O'Connor
Dennis O'Driscoll
Olivia & Jed
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Mary Parker
Carla Parsons
Peggy Philips
Cheryl and Paul
Poulin
Jessie Powell
Garry Prosser
Sylvia Quint
Judy Quintal
Alton Ranks
Cody Russell
Sherman Family
Sandy Smith
Sullivan Smith
Laverne & Tim
Tardiff

Patsy & Michel Tessier
Randy and Lisa Thibeau
Ellen Truman
Samantha Dunn Walker
Lorna Ulmer's
brothers
Wendy Vigue
Jane Weir
Jonathan Williams
Bert Winslow
Irene Wise
Sharon & Dennis
Wogaman's
Grandson

**People of the Middle
East**
**The Military
Border Concerns**
People of Ukraine
Victims of Violence
**Victims of Natural
Disasters**
Kairos Prison Ministry