

*The United Methodist Church
12 Commerce Street
Clinton, CT*



Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

April 5, 2026

Words of Assurance & Pardon

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen. **In the name of Jesus Christ – You are forgiven!**

The Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EASTER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, *Almighty God*, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The congregation will partake in Holy Communion together

Prayer after Holy Communion

Almighty God, thank you for this holy mystery. Grant that what we have received in
time may be our healing for eternity. May your presence in my soul renew me to
live a life pleasing to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Because He Lives”

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Benediction (Responsively)

Alleluia! This is a day of new beginnings! This is the day of brightness and hope!
For God has done wondrous things for us! Go in joyful peace and know that God's
peace and love go with you always. ALLELUIA! AMEN.

*Response

“Bless Us Now”

Frank Milnes

Bless us now as we depart, Watch o'er us, God, while we're apart; Give strength to
conquer daily strain, and bring us to Thy house again. Amen

Postlude

Worship Resources

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Benediction

https://ministrymatters.com/2020-03-01_worship_connection_easter_sunday_option_1/

Prayer of Dedication

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/journeys-end-a-new-start/easter-sunday-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/easter-sunday-year-a-offertory-prayer>

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance & Pardon

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/confession-assurance-easter.html>

— written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, and posted on her **Rev-o-lution** blog. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

SUNDAY, APR 5 (Easter Sunday)

9:00 Easter Egg Hunt (No adult or children Sunday school today)

10:00 Worship

11:00 Fellowship

TUESDAY, APR 7

WIC 8-5 pm

10:00 Clever Crafters

7:00 Bible Study Online

WEDNESDAY, APR 8

9:30 TOPS

5:00 Soup Kitchen

THURSDAY, APR 9

10:00 Bible Study

7:30 Choir Practice

FRIDAY, AP 10

5:30 AA meeting

This week we pray for... *those with impaired health: Joe and Amanda Andrejcsk, Alice Reale, Melissa Bouffard, Dottie Capece, Ron Dangona, Michael McKinnon, Chris Wilson, Kathy Schuyler, Bev Engelhart, Patty Holdridge, Tom Symmes, Barb Vincelette, Sue & Bob Morrison, Marilyn Gerard, Jeffrey Harding, Ginny Hauser, Mike Loukides, Lyle Cubberly and Bev Bowen.

April 5 Easter Service

Ushers: Lynn Sellers, David Moore, Brian Pieczko

Camera Operator: Erica or Banks Babjak

Video Coordinator: Lisa Sutherland

Worship Leader: Bob Hawes

Lectionary scriptures: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UM839) John 20:1-18, Matthew 28:1-10

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