

Oregon Community United Methodist Church

April 5, 2026 at 9:00AM – Easter Sunday

WELCOME: Today we remember and testify to the resurrection of Jesus, God's Son and our Messiah. He chose to come and live among us, willingly died on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. The Father has seated the Son at His Right Hand and sent the Holy Spirit to minister to us powerfully. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. We are so glad that you are here!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing! **Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**
Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear! **Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**
God has transformed a dead end into a new start! **Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**
Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025

HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

UMH #504

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH #322

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH #302 v. 1-4

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

UMH #308

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

Witnesses to Glory

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

He Lives

UMH #310

COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

UMH #12-13

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion

OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH#13-14, BoW#66 & UMH#895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UMH #15

*HYMN

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

UMH #622

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit*

Pastor Jason

UMH #304

Pianist: Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

Liturgists: April 5 Mike Shifflet; 12 Ralph Stone; 19 Bob Jolly; 26 Dot Lange

BIRTHDAYS: April 14 Jackie Black; 14 Hunter Fritsch; 19 Val Cooper

ANNIVERSARIES: April 2 Dot & Al Lange; 15 Mike and Paula

PRAYER REQUESTS: Shifflet's neighbor Bob as he undergoes treatments; Al Lange healing from Gall Bladder surgery; Jane Hess for ongoing back pain; Dixie & Denny recovering from falls; Nancy's friend with feeding tube; Dean & Val Cooper, health; those who are grieving; anxiety and stress; unity & love; Jackie Black; Katie at CHOP; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie's sister), scleroderma; Bobbi Ann Stone, healing; Vince Habel, heart & kidney; Shirley Baker & Cheryl Cooper, healing; & all battling cancer and disease. **PRAISES:** Kevin (Joetta's grandson) healing after organ transplants; God's faithful love and grace; those healing from illnesses. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Wisdom and redemption for elected leaders; President Trump and VP Vance; those killed by ICE Officers and safety and wisdom for the officers; deportation and immigration policies; those affected by violence and hate; food & housing insecurity; mental health; senior citizens; addictions; the unemployed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; people suffering from environmental disasters; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; Christ Home for Children; Blackfeet UM Parish; the people of Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, Minnesota, Greenland, Canada, Iran, etc.; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; peace; abused persons & abusers; incarcerated persons and prison staff; schools; foster families; etc.

DO YOU HAVE JEWELRY THAT YOU NO LONGER WEAR? Maybe some that is broken? Please give it to the jewelry room that we will have during the May yard sale at Faith. Contact Buni for info.

GRAB 'N GO COMMUNITY MEAL for those in need at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. **Our next meal will be June 1st.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to lead this ministry.**

SALEM LUTHERAN'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Place donations in the box at Faith. The pantry accepts canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce & pasta. Pantry is at 26 Owl Hill Rd., Lititz.

LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES for those in need every week through their **Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm.** You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week.

IN NEED OF HELP? Contact Pastor Jason, dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org to reach the **United Way Call Center for social services.** The **Crisis Intervention Lifeline** is (717) 394-2631 or **dial 9-8-8.**