



SOTC Worship
April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

In this room, we recognize the wilderness in the world.

In this room, we trust that God is near.

In this room, we hold on to hope.

In this room, we hold on to each other.

In this room, we sing, "Alleluia!"

In this room, we trust that love is stronger than hate.

So in this room, we celebrate.

In this room, we sing.

In this room, we trust that nothing can separate us from God's love.

Let us worship our risen Savior!

GATHERING SONG

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathered in the presence of God and each other, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious Father,

You sent your Son to die and rise again to conquer death and raise us to new life in Christ. Yet, we confess that, too often, we've remained captive to sin, to doubt, to fear, and to brokenness that only leads us to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and marred your image within us. Father, we need a resurrection. Forgive us,

renew us, and lead us, that we may rise up to live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News! Christ is risen and the stone has been rolled away.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is your new beginning as the old things die and you are made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, + your sin is forgiven, and death no longer holds power over you. You are free to live as a resurrected child of God.

Amen! Alleluia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READINGS: JEREMIAH 31:1-6; PSALM 65; COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

————— **MEAL** —————

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

————— SENDING —————

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

EASTER FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF THE FOLLOWING.

Kim & Judy Bartling	In memory of our parents
Connie Hoekstra	In memory of friend/cousin Mike
Reggie & Melanie Drake	In memory of our dads
Nancy Coulter	In memory of my husband
Wanda McCullough	In memory of my siblings & their spouses
Deb Hughes	In honor of my family
Gary & Marlys Grete	In honor of our children & grandchildren
Joseph Reddy	In memory of Jaye Reddy
Terry & Joanne Drinkall	In memory of Josh & our parents
Heather Allen & Kids	In memory of Josh
Cathy & Mike Bermel	In memory of our parents
Becky DeBlaey & Tom Atkinson	In memory of our parents
Rich & Kathy Dunham	In memory of our fathers

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