



*“Love first. Love always,
and we’ll figure out the rest of it as we go along.”ⁱ*



*Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
11:00 a.m.*

*North Chevy Chase Christian Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community.*

The People of God Gather

If you're new to North Chevy Chase Christian Church, please consider filling out the Feedback Card you will find in the Pew pocket. We'll follow up with a brief phone call or email to say thank you for worshipping with us and to answer any question you may have. We are glad you're here with us today!

PRELUDE

String Quintet
Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Stephen Tickner

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come Thou Lord, Creator Spirit"

by Jeffrey Rickard

Cheryl Tatham, handbells
Robert Solomon, handbells

Congregation standing in body or spirit

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer¹

Wilsonia Cherry
Worship Leader

One: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

¹ Liturgical resources are provided by Worship Ways of the United Church of Christ www.ucc.org.

One: Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

One: At early dawn,
when no one could remember the sound of hope
or the promise of a new day rising
the world began to sing a fierce and determined
hallelujah.

ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

One: At early dawn,
as each day brings forth new agonies and
injustices
we gather to sing a grateful and liberating
hallelujah.

ALL: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

One: Now with our hearts open to God, let us pray...

OPENING HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” CH216

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Descant

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Made like him, like him we rise,

Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; desc. Charles H. Webb

EASTER HYMN
 77.77 w. alleluias

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RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has op - ened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Congregation seated

SHARING OF PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Proclaim

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

"Thine is the Glory"

Congregation join on Verse 3

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Thine Is the Glory

1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son,
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom;
 Life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love.

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 Bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1746

MACCABEUS
 55.65.65 w. refrain

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son,
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

MESSAGE

"Who Can I Run To?"

Rev. Stephen Tickner

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"My Redeemer Lives,"

by Reuben Morgan

Bianca Tickner, soloist

We Give and Receive

Communion is the central act of community within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The invitation to the Table is extended to all who wish to follow Jesus and to share in the community of God's people. Everyone is invited to eat from this Table.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

PRAYER BY THE ELDER

Jerry Rice

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMING FORWARD TO GIVE, AND TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We come forward to bring our physical bodies and our financial gifts to God. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to place your tithes & offerings in the trays available; and to receive the elements of bread and cup, taking them and returning to your seats down the side aisle, to consume the elements in silent reflection.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*“Ave verum corpus,”
by W. A. Mozart*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

...And Go Forth to Serve

SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation standing

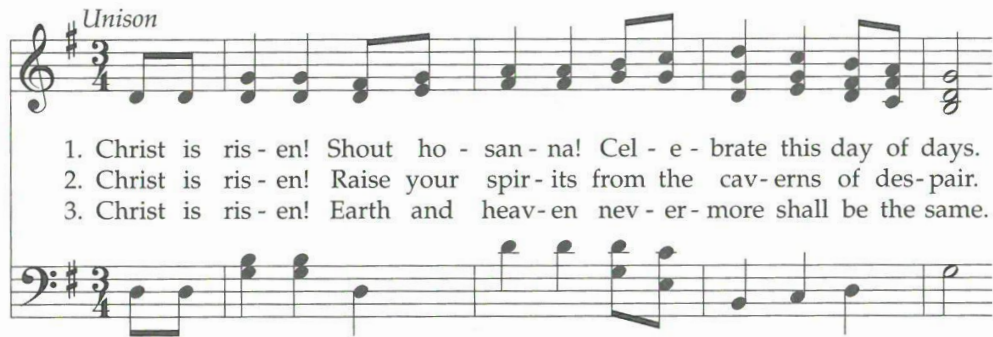
CLOSING HYMN

"Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna" CH 222

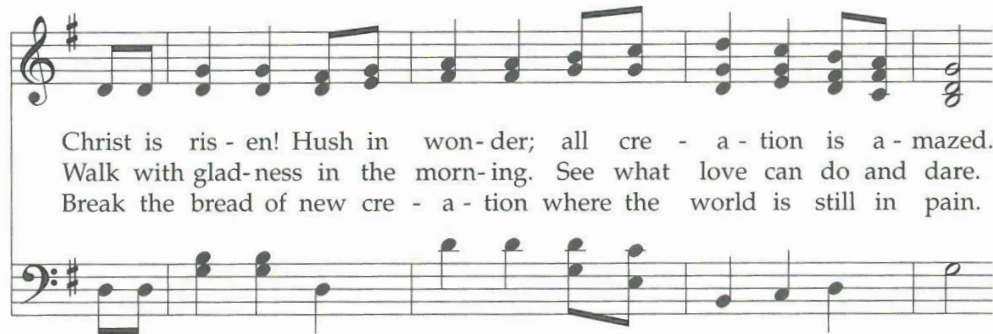
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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

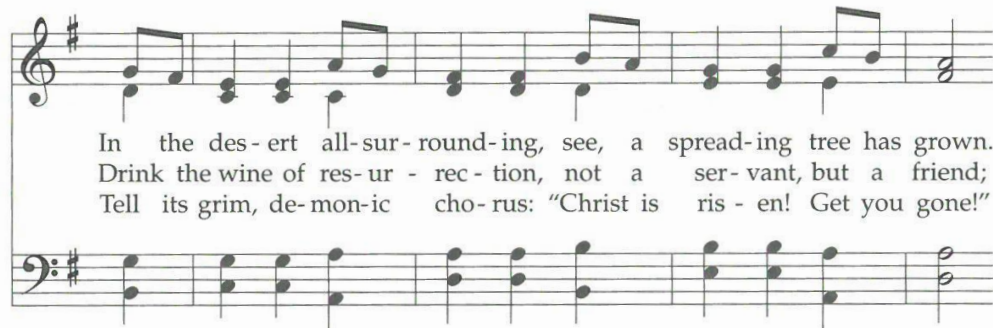
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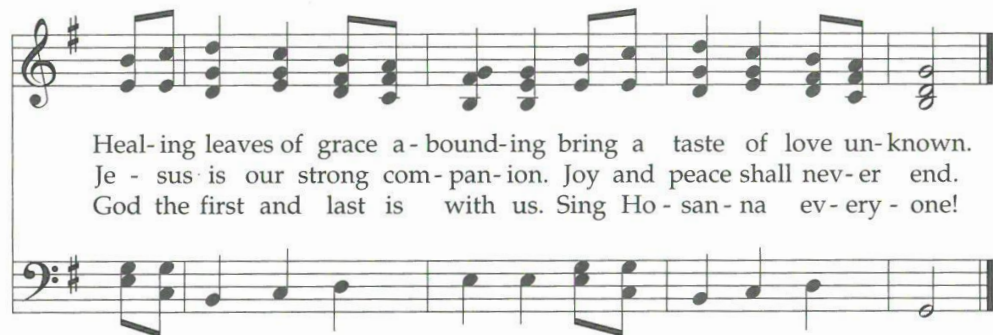
1. Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days.
2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of des - pair.
3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend;
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the first and last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1984
MUSIC: Polish carol; arr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Hallelujah, Amen" (from *Judas Maccabeus*)
by G.F. Handel

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Please join us on the front lawn for Coffee Hour and our  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Festivities

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Stephen Tickner, Minister
Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist
Laura Knutson, Violin
Henry Tyszler, Violin
Wesley Hamilton, Viola
Kerry Van Laanen, Cello
Blake Meister, Double Bass
Bianca Tickner, Soloist

Christine Schadeberg Wydro, NC4 Adult Choir Director
NC4 Adult Choir

Mary Brock
Sally Coberly
Melinda Hanson
Lydia Oladapo
Cheryl Parsons
Andrea Sherman
Charlene Smith
Jenn Symonds

Cheryl Tatham
Dwight Brock
John Hanson
Richard Sherman
Robert Solomon
Matt Amling**
Elizabeth Hutcheson**
Shelly Roth**
** guest singers

Wilsonia Cherry, Worship Leader
Jerry Rice, Elder at the Table
A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,
Devi Rambarran

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADPHONES are available in the Narthex.

Please set all pagers and cell phones to vibrate at this time.

CH = Chalice Hymnal (found in the pew racks)

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Acknowledgment of Native Americans: A Statement toward Reconciliation

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We gratefully acknowledge them, past and present, and their stewardship of this land on which we stand.

ⁱ Quote from Chaplain Owen Chandler at the 2023 General Assembly