



SPRING VALLEY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE



APRIL 5, 2026
MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are a community of sinners saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We seek to glorify God, nurture one another and express the love of God in word and deed.

GATHERING

Leader: He is not here. He is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: God has made darkness - light; and transformed death into new life! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed.

HYMN #108

"Christ Is Alive!"

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.

4 In every insult, rift, and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Til earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18: *The Resurrection of Jesus*

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

EASTER HOMILY: *"In the Garden of the Dead - New Life Springs Up"*

HYMN *"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"* (lyrics on back cover)

LITANY PRAYER

Leader: Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing, Choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

People: Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing, Choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Leader: Rejoice O earth - The Sun of Righteousness has risen on you.

People: Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing, Choirs of angels! Jesus Christ our King is risen!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Alleluia! The Lord has risen indeed.

Leader: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day.

People: Alleluia! The Lord has risen indeed!

Leader: God has made dry bones alive. God has made a way through death. God has shown us the way to life - by His living.

All: Christ is Alive. The world is not the same, and neither are we. Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

Our time of worship ends and our service to others begins.

HYMN

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

He Is Risen!

Happy Easter!



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