

April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNRISE COMMUNITY SERVICE

6:45 a.m.

Greeting

The Rev. Dr. Vance E. Polley  
Sunrise Presbyterian Church

Opening Hymn

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

Verse 1

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

Verse 3

*But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

Verse 2

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

Verse 4

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

Expressing Our Joy

The Rev. Dr. Vance E. Polley

*Leader: A joyous mystery gathers us together. Listen friends: we come to hear the good news, again. The tomb that was sealed is now open. Broken is the grip of all that would box life in. The grave that was occupied is now empty. The One who was dead is alive!*

*Leader: Christ is risen!*

*People: The Lord is risen indeed!*

*Leader: Alleluia!*

*People: Alleluia, Amen!*

Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Dr. Vance E. Polley  
Sunrise Presbyterian Church

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

The Rev. Charles A. Phillips  
First United Methodist Church

*God of all Creation, from the beginning you have called forth order and life out of chaos. When your people have sinned, you have been ready and eager to restore and save. We confess today our sin. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Neither have we trusted you to give vitality to our existence. Too often we have sought to create our own meaning and salvation. Come, Risen Christ! Forgive us and set us free to live in and with you, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.*

Proclamation of Pardon (unison)

The Rev. Charles A. Phillips  
First United Methodist Church

*We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.* (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 2:4-9

Elliott Cox  
Lutheran Coastal Retreat Center

Psalter Reading

Psalms 118: 14, 19-29

Chaplain Paula Mullen  
IOP Police and Fire Department

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

The Rev. Paul Coleman  
DeepWater Church, IOP

Special Music

*Because He Lives*

Bill & Gloria Gaither

*Rev. Paul Coleman, vocals and Laila Sykes, piano*

The Word Proclaimed

Affirming our Faith

The Rev. Paul Coleman  
DeepWater Church, IOP

<i>Equal with God:</i>	<b>Jesus is Lord.</b>	(progressively louder)
<i>Emptied himself:</i>	<b>Jesus is Lord.</b>	<i>God raised him up:</i> <b>Jesus is Lord.</b>
<i>Came as a servant:</i>	<b>Jesus is Lord.</b>	<i>Gave him the name:</i> <b>Jesus is Lord.</b>
<i>Found as a man:</i>	<b>Jesus is Lord.</b>	<i>Higher than all:</i> <b>Jesus is Lord.</b>
<i>Humbly obeyed:</i>	<b>Jesus is Lord.</b>	<i>Every knee bow:</i> <b>Jesus is Lord.</b>
<i>Went to his death:</i>	<b>Jesus is Lord.</b>	<i>All tongues confess: 'Jesus is Lord!'</i>
<i>Death on a cross:</i>	<b>Jesus is Lord.</b>	<b>Amen!</b>

Fellowship of Prayer concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

The Rev. Ron Patton  
Isle of Palms Baptist Church

Response to God's Grace: Call for the Offering

The Rev. Ron Patton  
Isle of Palms Baptist Church

(East Cooper Community Outreach receives our gifts in support of their ministry of care and compassion.)

Hymn

*He Lives*

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*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever men may say;  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need him he's always near.*

*Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives: he lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading thro' all the stormy blast,  
The day of his appearing will come at last.*

(Refrain)

*Rejoice, Rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.*

(Refrain)

Dedication of the Offering and Benediction

The Rev. Ron Patton  
*Isle of Palms Baptist Church*

**The Annual Easter Sunrise Community Service** is sponsored by the churches of Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island. We thank Laila Sykes (piano) from DeepWater Church for leading the music this morning.

A **free-will offering** is collected for ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach) that provides food and services for people in need, living east of the Cooper River.

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