



The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.

*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.

*Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
arr. by Harold De Cou

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 118

Through God’s miracle of grace,
we have come through the night
and arrived at this glorious dawn.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All doors are open, all creation sings,
all that was broken is now made whole,
and we have new life.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#288 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus,
through your resurrection, you conquer sin and death.
Yet we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to despair.

Led by sanctuary choir

Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Christe. **Christe.** Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Eleison. **Eleison.**

Please observe a time of silence for personal reflection and confession.

Living Christ,
bring new life where we are worn and tired;
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Based on Romans 8:1, 31-39

Friends, hear the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are already forgiven.

Christ knows us and loves us beyond any power to condemn us.

There is nothing to fear; a new day has dawned.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.

You are God’s beloved child. With you God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION

#298 “The Day of Resurrection!”
vv. 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Matthew 28:1-10
“Going ahead...”

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*

By his resurrection Christ broke apart the gates of death
and opened to us the way of life,
announced victory to the women and the apostles
and brought salvation to the whole world,
annihilated the power of death
and renewed the entire creation,
gave us the promise of resurrection
so that we might rise with him in new life.

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

#147 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary
are brought forward as a sign of our response to God’s call on our lives.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

“Christ Is Alive!” (Insert)

Congregation joins to sing with Sanctuary Choir on vv. 1, 3, & 5.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah
G.F. Handel

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INTERESTED IN SINGING THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS?

You are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir to sing the “Hallelujah Chorus” at the close of worship. Copies of the music can be found in the narthex and in the balcony windowsills near the choir. Please make your way to the balcony during the last verse of the final song (“Christ Is Alive”) or feel free to sing from your seat. All are welcome!

GUEST MUSICIANS

We offer a special “thank you” to our guest instrumental musicians this morning: James De Young, Leah Schouten, Heidi Lyons, Kristin Siewert, and Jon Witt.

THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND

Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation.

We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SRC EMAILS?

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF April 5, 2026

TODAY

9:45 am Worship Service

MONDAY

6:30 pm Facilities Planning Team Meeting

TUESDAY

8:00 am Men's Group

2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

7:00 pm Creation Care Class

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 am Worship Service

2:30 pm High School Youth Group

4:00 pm Handbell Choir

6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Greeters: Ryan, Amy, and Olivia Pothoven, Sherril Graham, Trixanna Wang

Next Week:

Nursery: Neriah Hardeman, Mike Filippini

Next Week: Neriah Hardeman, Liz Wilner

Storyteller: No Children & Worship--Family Worship

Next Week: Sara Hefflefinger & Jackson Renaud

Barista: Sherril Graham

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SECOND REFORMED CHURCH



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 - 9:45 am

Christ Is Alive!

Brian Wren TRURO
Thomas Williams, 1869-1944



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All: 3. In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift and war, Where
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All: 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good



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dis - tant years in Pal - es - tine, But
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joy, with jus - tice, love and praise.

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