

McPHAIL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

“We have only left youth behind us, as at noon we have left the sunrise.
They will both come back, and they do not grow old.”

— *J. M. E. McTaggart*

THE PRELUDE AS WE GATHER

“How Calm and Beautiful the Morn”
“Christ is Alive”

Thomas Hastings
Mary McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (congregation standing)

LEADER: What was dead shall live.

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

LEADER: What was dark shall shine.

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

LEADER: What was forgotten shall be remembered.

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

LEADER: He is risen and walks among us.

ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” #234

A PRAYER (together, seated):

We know the power of redemption. You stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with the hope that we will share in his fullness of life. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Sung softly together Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: *Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign,
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!*

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Saviour,
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM

From Psalm 16

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places

I have a goodly heritage.

God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

My heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.

You do not give me up to death,

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

In your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.’”

Luke 24:1-5 (NRSV)

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

1Corinthians 15:55 (NRSV)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Music "I Know My Redeemer Lives" setting by R. Haan
Sung Response: Tune: ODE TO JOY

God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store;
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Offertory Prayer

THE CHOIR "Once Upon A Tree" Pepper Choplin

THE HYMN "He Lives" #248

THE SERMON *The Unreality of Death*

THE COMMUNION HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #783

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

The Scriptures
The Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution
The Serving of the Lord's Supper

OUR PARTING HYMN "Thine is the Glory" #251

THE BENEDICTION

THE GOING FORTH (together) #238

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Healey Willan

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP IS ENDED: OUR SERVICE IN THE WORLD BEGINS

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Welcome to our service of worship today. Please join us downstairs following the service for coffee and conversation. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

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