

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Haley, Worship Leader

PRELUDE

Dr. William Holda

*UNITY HYMN (**stand as we are able*)

AURELIA

In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.

From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:

**Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up:

How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples,

witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here,

for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world,

a story still unfolding all around us.

We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

*HYMN – No. 315 UMH

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. **Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

(Let us offer each other signs of peace and reconciliation.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Crane, Reader

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.

Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 308 UMH

Thine Be the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

Reverend Stanley Larson

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

*AFFIRMATION: #883 UMH *A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada*

*HYMN – No. 70 UMH

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

OFFERTORY

In gratitude and faith, we offer our gifts. Please place tithes and offerings in one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 318 UMH

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

THE LORD'S DAY

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

*Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*By his mercy God has given us a new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*



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ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

CUMC members, please mark your attendance today using the QR code here. **St. Andrew members**, please mark your attendance and note prayer concerns in the Friendship Registers in each pew.

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Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu on April 15 features Spinach Lasagna, a side salad, dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 am on Monday. You may sign up on Sundays using the link in the e-newsletter or by contacting the church office at 903-758-4952.

The work of this church and much of the planning are primarily done through the ministry groups. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to come to a meeting. Meeting this Wednesday, April 15, are Building and Grounds at 5 pm in the Calvin Room in the upper hallway and Worship and Music at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary. On Tuesday, April 21 at 3 pm the Budget, Finance and Stewardship Ministry Group will meet in the library.

RSVP by Monday, April 13, for the **Bridal Brunch** honoring Kate Day. Please contact Robin Burns at 903-240-0179. The event takes place on Saturday, April 25, at 11 am at Robin's home, 1407 Mary Lee Lane, Longview.

Meals with Love is driven by St. Andrew on Tuesday morning, April 14. To help, please contact Janet Martin at 903-237-8295. Drivers and helpers are often needed for this ministry. For more information talk to Janet.

Blessing of the Animals will be in the Memorial Garden Chapel area on Saturday, April 18, from 10 am to noon. All are welcome! Invite friends and neighbors, along with their fur babies, to come for a blessing and a treat bag.

To register for *The Librarian*, please contact the church office at 903-758-4952. The film will be shown at the Unitarian Fellowship, 2301 Alpine Road, on Saturday, April 18, at 4 pm, with a time for discussion to follow by Reverend Laura Walters from Grace Presbytery. The Social Justice Public Witness Committee and St. Andrew Presbyterian are co-sponsoring a free public screening of the groundbreaking documentary, *The Librarians*, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Longview. The documentary is the story of Texas librarians defending intellectual freedom and privacy by standing up to government surveillance, censorship, and pressure to restrict access to information. Join the conversation on the dangers of censorship and book banning.

(More upcoming opportunities and events listed on the back.)

Announcements continued....

Feeding our firefighters: April's theme for Station 6 meals is Main Dish. We still need deliveries on Monday 4/20 & Friday 4/24 to feed 7 hungry firefighters. Please contact Rose Briggs (903-238-6463 rosebriggs07@gmail.com) or Katy Manck (903-918-1154 katyroo@gmail.com) to sign up or ask questions.

Servants are needed to prepare and serve breakfast at Newgate Mission, Saturday, April 25, 7 – 9 am. Wear a cap unless you want to wear a hairnet. Contact Steve Crane at 903-452-2925. Please text him, even if you tell him, because he is challenged that way.

Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services has invited us to a luncheon event benefiting the children and families of PCHAS. The luncheon will be at First Presbyterian Church Kilgore, on Thursday, April 30, at noon. We have a table for eight and will carpool from the church at 11:30. Reverend Diane Pennington, Senior Development Officer PCHAS, will present the event.

One Love Snack Bags items still needed for May 13: Beef jerky; cereal/protein bars; cheese/PB crackers; fruit snacks; peanuts; tuna pouches; Vienna sausage; 1 gal. ziplock bags; and bottled water. Thank you to all who continue to fill the needs of providing a small need for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.