

Easter Sunrise

April 5, 2026



**Columbia
United Church
Of Christ**



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6:30 a.m. Worship

Happy Easter!

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

Gathering Music

“O Worship the King”

Steve Jannetti
Haydn / Keveren

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

“Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night, came now in broad daylight carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took Jesus’ body and, following the Jewish burial custom, wrapped it in linen with the spices. There was a garden near the place he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been placed. So, because it was Sabbath preparation for the Jews and the tomb was convenient, they placed Jesus in it.”
(John 19:39-42)

*Call to Worship

Llona Weiss

We gathered in the Sanctuary Friday to witness a terrible sight;
The Savior betrayed, denied, mocked, and crucified.

**But this morning, everything is renewed!
Christ is not dead, but alive! Christ has Risen! Alleluia!**

Up from the grave, our Savior arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**Christ the Lord is Risen, today! Let all the world rejoice!
Christ the Savior is here to stay! Let us praise Him!**

Remembering family and friends no longer with us, we gather
Celebrating that Christ has conquered the grave!

**We remember the promises of New Life already fulfilled
in those who have gone before us!**

We remember the promise that we, too, shall have New Life!
We remember and celebrate the Resurrection that is ours!

Up from the grave He arose! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn

“Christ Arose!”

(insert)

*Gathering Prayer

God of Resurrection miracles; we have heard this Easter story dozens of times; yet today we hear it as anew. We open ourselves to Your love that is so earnest and deep that it overshadows all that the world can throw at us. We open our lives to Your constant renewal, creating New Life where there has only been emptiness. Teach us to roll away the stones that blockade us from Your

goodness and grace; the stones that seal us off into tombs of despair. Create in us hearts that are ever receptive to the ways that You are constantly recreating us; that we may live lives that are Easter Miracles, too. In Jesus name we pray; Amen.

Children's Time & Flowering the Cross

As you come forward to place your flower in the cross, pause a moment at the foot of the cross to say a silent (or out loud) prayer thanking God for all of the blessings in your life. Families (whatever form the term 'family' means to you) are welcome to approach the cross together and say a communal prayer.

Gospel Reading	Matthew 28:1-10	Llona Weiss
Sermon	"Easter Miracles"	Pastor Rick
Hymn:	"Morning Has Broken"	(insert)
Invitation to Communion		
Prayer; Institution; Fraction		
Distribution	"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"	Steve Jannetti Scott Soper

*EVERYONE is invited to receive communion.
When you come forward, please bring your offering
and drop it in the offering plates.*

Community Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Parting Hymn	"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"	(insert)
*Benediction		
*Response:	"Let There be Peace on Earth"	

***Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!***

Postlude	"Brandenburg Concerto"	Steve Jannetti Johann Sebastian Bach
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CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;

No matter where you are on your faith journey;

No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression, or identity;

No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality, or politics;

No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status, or family structure;

No matter your social, economic, educational, legal, or life circumstances;

You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.



C U C C

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1. Low in the grave he lay, Je-sus my Sav-ior, wait-ing the com-ing day,
 2. Vain-ly they watch his bed, Je-sus my Sav-ior; vain-ly they seal the dead,
 3. Death can-not keep its prey, Je-sus my Sav-ior; he tore the bars a-way,

Refrain

Je-sus my Lord! Up from the grave he a-rose, (he a-rose) with a

might-y tri-umph o'er his foes; he a-rose a vic-tor from the
 (o'er his foes)

dark do-main, and he lives for-ev-er, with his saints to reign. He a-

rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!
 (he a-rose) (he a-rose)

Morning Has Broken

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm GW C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

Clean Up Columbia

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

It's time to clean up- let's show our respect for God's creation! The citywide "Clean Up Columbia" is the annual event to encourage people to help clean up our city. At Columbia UCC, we are focusing on our outer road. Last year, we picked up 49 bags full!

Make sure to wear appropriate clothes and shoes. Cloth gloves, reflective vests, and bags will be provided. Please use the QR code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/CleanCUCC> to sign up.

