



*Easter*

*Edisto Island*

*United Methodist Church*

# SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

## EASTER SUNDAY

**PRELUDE** “Fling Wide the Gates”

Stainer

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #162**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord” (v. 2)

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

While it was still dark, Mary came to the tomb.

**And the Light of the world met her there.**

Christ calls our names this morning.

**We rise to meet him with joy.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed.**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Risen Christ, you meet us in the gardens of our lives—places of grief, hope, and new beginnings. Call our names again today. Open our hearts to your living presence and fill us with Easter joy. Amen.**

*During the singing of the “Opening Hymn”, you are invited to come forward to “Flower the Cross”*

**\*HYMN #302** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

### **CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON**

With confidence in God’s redeeming love, let us now confess our sins.

**God of new creation, we confess that we often come expecting endings instead of beginnings. We cling to fear, overlook your presence, and hesitate to share your good news. Forgive us. Speak our names with grace, and make us witnesses of resurrection.**

*(Let us confess our sins in silence.)*

Hear the good news: Christ is risen and calls each of us by name. In him, we are forgiven and made new.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Living God, open your Word to us as you opened Mary's eyes in the garden. Let us hear your voice, recognize your presence, and rise to follow where you lead. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts 10: 34-43

## **PSALTER #839**

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

## **SECOND READING**

Colossians 3: 1-4

## **\*GOSPEL READING**

John 20: 1-18

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN #303** "The Day of Resurrection"

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **THE OFFERING**

**ANTHEM** "Jesus Is Alive"

## **\*DOXOLOGY #95**

## **PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING**

**Generous God, you have called us into the light of resurrection. Receive these gifts, and use them so others may hear the good news: "We have seen the Lord." Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION #15**

"A Service of Word and Table III"

**\*HYMN #327** "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

## **\*SENDING FORTH**

Go now as people who have heard their names spoken by the risen Christ. Run toward hope, stand with the grieving, and tell the world what you have seen.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen—go in his peace.**

**Participating in Worship Today:** Steve Strange, Johnelle Mische,  
and Jim and Judy Whitesell

**LAST SUNDAY** Attendance: 46 Offering: \$1,999.00

Beth Warshaw, Bob Foster, Bill Loy, Robyn Tindall, Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Bob Spratlin, Evan McMillan, Donna Padgett, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Boozer & Family, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Dale Steele, Margaret Steele, Thomas Tindall, Buff Yelton, Dawn & Berry Wren



**Nancie's Clothes Closet**  
**Mondays 10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5:** Edisto Community Easter Sunrise Service  
Beachfront at Coot's / Beach Access 1 6:30am

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9:** Women in Faith/Godwin-Pate Circle Meeting  
Fellowship Hall 9:30 Social Time 10:00am Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15:** United Methodist Men Fellowship Hall 8:30am

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19:** Special Sunday service presented by  
Charleston Wesley Foundation Sanctuary 10:00am

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# Good Tide-ings

Edisto Island United Methodist Church

8193 Palmetto Road

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Nancie's Clothes Closet

10:00am-1:00pm & 2:00pm -5:00pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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Godwin-Pate Circle Meeting  
Fellowship Hall

90 Social Time, 10:00 Meeting

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## SHE RAN, WE RISE

*John 20: 1-18*

Easter begins in the dark.

John tells us that Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb while night still lingers—grief close at hand, hope not yet imagined. She expects to tend a body. Instead, she finds an empty place and a stone rolled away. What happens next is quiet but world-shifting: Mary runs, the disciples run, and then Mary stays. In that stillness, in that faithful lingering, the risen Christ calls her by name.

John's Gospel insists that resurrection is not first a spectacle but an encounter. New life breaks in when Christ speaks a name and opens a heart. Mary becomes the first witness of Easter not because she understands everything, but because she remains present in the place of loss long enough to hear the voice of the One who lives.

Her story is our story.

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On Edisto Island, we know what it means to keep vigil—tending gardens, checking on neighbors, watching the tides, carrying one another through seasons of grief and hope. Like Mary, we stand in the places where absence feels heavy, trusting that Christ meets us there with a word of life.

And when he calls our name, he sends us out. Easter is not the end of the story; it is the beginning of witness. Mary's simple proclamation—"I have seen the Lord"—becomes the first sermon of the resurrection and the pattern for our own discipleship. We are sent to speak hope, to embody compassion, to carry light into the fog and storm of our community's needs.

This Easter, may we run toward the good news, linger where Christ might meet us, and rise to go where he sends.

Christ is risen. He calls your name. So we rise—and we go.

A reminder: On Easter Sunday we will celebrate Holy Communion, receiving the grace that strengthens us for the witness Christ entrusts to us.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Len Ripley

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#### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

14<sup>th</sup> Jane Loy  
15<sup>th</sup> Sandra Polk  
16<sup>th</sup> Cal Fosseen  
20<sup>th</sup> Terry Dobson

#### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Steve & Connie Strange  
17<sup>th</sup> Amanda & Carl Fosseen  
20<sup>th</sup> Margaret Green &  
Lorraine Bonura

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Beth Warshaw  
Bob Foster  
Bill Loy  
Robyn Tindall  
Dylan Rearden  
Lacey Reeves  
Bob Spratlin  
Jane Loy  
Evan McMillan  
Donna Padgette  
Laura & Jim Emory  
Ethelynn Boozer & Family  
Nancy Culclasure  
Lauren (Donna's niece)  
Dale Steele  
Margaret Steele  
Thomas Tindall  
Buff Yelton  
Dawn & Berry Wren

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