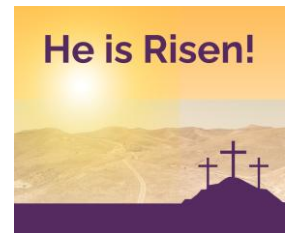


The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord



At PCO we strive to be a faithful, open, and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any age, ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

Prelude *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Brass Quintet & Organ arr: Sondra K. Tucker

Choral Introit *Easter Call to Worship* Ralph L. Grosvenor
PCO Chancel Choir
Brass Ensemble
Shelby Laird, Director

Welcome Pastor Lisa Schrott

Easter Proclamation (from Luke 24:1 and John 20:1) Pastor Lisa Schrott

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

Lighting the Paschal Candle

*** Call to Worship** Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

All: but we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

All: but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

*** Hymn #245**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

[Llanfair]

PCO Chancel Choir

PCO Handbell Choir

Brass Ensemble

Prayer of Adoration

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

One: Eternal God, in the darkness of the winter, we celebrated the gift of the Word made flesh, the birth of Jesus Christ. Heralded by angels and shepherds and wise ones, we offered our prayers of adoration for the King of Glory who entered the world through humble means. This morning as we witness the promise of spring in the trees beginning to bud and flowers bloom, we celebrate the gift of the eternal Living Word. We praise you for the promise of new life revealed in the resurrection of Jesus. We give thanks for the witness of the women who shared the good news of the empty tomb with the disciples.

All: We praise you that we all have been called to be witnesses to your never-ending love and grace. We praise you for the fulfillment of our Advent hope, peace, joy and love in the Christ who taught us that death does not have the last word. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

Passing of the Peace

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

One: Let us celebrate our Easter joy by sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

*** Act of Praise #581***Gloria Patri**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***Prayer of Illumination**

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

God of new beginnings, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. May it serve to show us the path to the Living Christ and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

Children's Sermon and Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Old Testament Scripture

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music*This Joyful Eastertide*

arr. Ron Mallory

PCO Handbell Choir

Micah Laird, trumpet

Irene Shutt, Director

New Testament Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon*Repair, Restoration, and Resurrection*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
PCO Chancel Choir
Brass Ensemble
Shelby Laird, Director

Robert Williams
Arr. Victor C. Johnson

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Christ is Arisen

Johann Fischer

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

We will serve each other this Easter morning. Please take a piece of bread and pass the basket to your neighbor. Hold onto your bread until all have received it and then we will share the Bread of Life together. The bread is gluten free, soy free, dairy free and nut free.

Please take a cup with juice from the tray and drink from the Cup of Salvation as it is passed to you. Place your empty cup in the rack in the pew.

Communion Prayer

* Hymn #233

The Day of Resurrection, vs. 1-3
[Lancashire]

(We invite all who would like to join the choir singing the *Hallelujah Chorus* to come to the musicians' area during the singing of the last hymn. We will give you the music so that you may join your voice in praising God).

*** Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Because the tomb is empty, our lives can be full. So live for Christ. Be graceful in Spirit; faithful in all you do; And let your words be full of hope. For Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia, amen.**

Benediction Response

Hallelujah Chorus
[Messiah]

George Frideric Handel

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organ

Charles-Marie Widor

** Please rise in body or spirit*

**After worship join us for a brunch hosted by our Parish Life Committee.
We welcome all!**

Thank you to the musicians in the Brass Ensemble who joined us in worship today.

Trumpet 1: Charisse Ujlaky

Trombone: Korie Brewer

Trumpet 2: Micah Laird

Tuba: Spencer Locke

Horn: Alden Leonard

Today's Fellowship: Thank you to Edward Ennen for making coffee & to Wayne Scott for washing the dishes.

Ushers: Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg, Keith Camann

Next Week April 12, 2026 Youth Sunday

Scripture: Luke 24:13–35, Zach Nawyn-Hellinga Preaching.

Following Worship: All-ages landscape rock painting. Join us as we decorate rocks to line our Prayer Path behind the church.

The Call to Worship is adapted from words by the Rev. Thom Shuman from the Re-worship blog found online at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/04/call-to-worship-seeing-risen-christ.html>

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