



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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April 20th, 2025
Easter Sunday
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: In The Garden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Hymn of Promise

#707

SILENT PRAYER

INTROIT: *The Easter Song (vocal and bell choir)*

***HYMN: Easter People Raise Your Voices**

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CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

P: We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus.

L: We went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows,

P: We stood at the cross and hid in a room out of our fear.

L: Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

P: Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen! Hallelujah!

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

BELL ANTHEM: *Jesus Christ is Risen*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

Luke 24:1-12

***HYMN: Halle, Halle, Halleluja**

#2026

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

24—Quinn Kelly, Michael Walton

24--Timothy & Christine LeVan--anniv

God of love and glory, this week has been one of mixed emotions, of our struggle to understand. We celebrated with palm branches, sat at the table with the disciples, and felt the pain of Christ's betrayal and the agony of his death upon the cross. And on this third day, we witness your power in the resurrection, the victory over death. Please help us to truly experience your presence as we celebrate this day and every day the joy of the Resurrection of our Savior. Be with us now as we worship and pray together through the risen Christ. Amen.

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God is at work in the world, renewing, remaking, resurrecting, and bringing hope through the faith, the gifts, and the work of the church. We trust in God and work together for peace and justice through God's Spirit as we offer our tithes and gifts. Let us rejoice in our God-given opportunity to share in God's work.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1464479>

We know, O God, that the good news of the resurrection is not to be kept a secret, hidden away as the private promise to a few. Instead, it is to be a universal communication of hope and joy to all people. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.