



**Peace United Church of Christ  
Worship Resources for Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026**

Please have the Communion elements ready before viewing the service.  
The Cross in Bloom will be placed outside Peace Church midmorning on Easter.  
You are invited to stop by and add flowers to our resurrection proclamation!  
Blessed Easter to all!

**Welcome**

**The Easter Gospel**      Matthew 28: 1-10

**Opening Hymn**      **“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

**Prayer of Praise and Adoration**

***God, we can hardly believe the news!  
On the First Day of First Days, we rejoice in the Risen One!  
We breathe deeply as the Spirit swirls around us and your love fills us.  
Death is no more! The world is shifting and shaking with the news:  
Jesus is Risen!! New Life has come!!  
What a message we have received, and what a message we have to offer!  
Amen***

## Meditation

### Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

### Gather at the Table of Our Risen Savior: Holy Communion

Call to the Table

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread/Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Meal

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*God of resurrection,  
we thank you for the presence of the Risen One  
this day, and for the gift of new life in this sacred meal.  
As the good news is shared by us in the days to come,  
grant us grace and courage.  
May we live in the power and love of the Risen Christ!  
Alleluia! Amen!*

### Closing Song “In the Garden”

I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

### Benediction & Sending Forth

