



**Peace United Church of Christ
Worship Resources for Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025**

Please have the elements for Communion 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 John 20: 1-18

Opening Hymn **"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]

Prayer of Praise and Thanks

*God of new beginnings,
Death has been set aside on this First Day!
With the morning light, there is the chance to breathe again,
to feel our hearts beating, our life force moving within us!
Perhaps at first we whisper the news,
but soon we cannot hold it back from the world:
Jesus is Risen!! He is Alive!!
What a message we have received, and what a message we have to offer!
May we never cease praising you for this wonder of wonders!
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 One!
Alleluia! Amen!*

Closing Song "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!

Benediction & Sending Forth

Happy Easter!!