

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Welcome to our guests worshiping with us today! We would love to make a connection with you and ask that you fill out a Connect card, which can be found in the pews and on the tables at the entries to the balcony. Bring it to one of our welcome centers as you are leaving the Sanctuary following the service.

*Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

"Entrata Festiva"

Peeters

*Easter Greeting

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

*Processional Hymn #302

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Ferguson

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Welcome

Rockford Johnson

Easter Affirmation of Faith

8:00 Trey Witzel; 9:30 & 11:00 Scott Meier

Leader: Hear the Good News that we have received and proclaim this day—
the Good News in which we stand and through which we are being saved.

All: We will remember and hold tightly to this grand Good News and
proclaim it with joy!

Leader: Christ died for our forgiveness and to show the depth of God's love.

All: But the story doesn't end in death.
Christ was raised on the third day, just as it was promised!

Leader: We are witnesses to this Good News; we have experienced its hope,
and God commands that we do not keep this news to ourselves!

All: We will testify that Christ is Lord!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

by Amy Loving (adapted)

Bell Anthem

"Resurrection Alleluias"

arr. Stephen Wurst

8:00 - Carillon Ringers; 9:30 & 11:00 - Chancel Ringers

*Dedicated to the Carillon and Chancel Handbell Choirs at McFarlin UMC
in celebration of McFarlin's centennial and 100th Easter celebration.*

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

8:00 Trey Witzel; 9:30 Wendi Neal

11:00 Rockford Johnson

Children's Message

Zach James



*Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 9:30 & 11:00 services.
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children's area following the service.*

***Hymn #310**

"He Lives"

arr. Tay

**I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him, he's always near.**

**[Refrain] He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and
talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.**

**In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart
grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the
stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. (Refrain)**

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who
find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)**

***Invitation to our Offering**

8:00 & 9:30 Wendi Neal; 11:00 Scott Meier

Anthem

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"
Chancel Choir

Johnson

***Doxology #94**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sermon

"Meet the Teacher on Resurrection Mountain"
Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

Rockford Johnson

*Hymn #327

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

arr. Bankson

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

*Reception of New Members and Sending Forth

Rockford Johnson

*Benediction

"Hallelujah Chorus"

Handel

Postlude

"Toccata from Symphony No. 5"

Widor

A Special Thank You to Our Guest Instrumentalists: Karl Sievers and Josh Harney, trumpet;
Matt Reynolds, horn; Art Lantagne, trombone; Jared Bulmer, tuba; Connor Stevens, Timpani.

McFarlin Worship Leaders: Rockford Johnson, Senior Pastor; Wendi Neal, Senior Associate Pastor;
Trey Witzel, Associate Pastor; Scott Meier, Dir. of Missions & Invitation;
Stephen Wurst, Dir. of Music Ministries & Organist;
Giovanni Corrodus, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries & Director of Choirs;
Zach James, Dir. of Elementary & Family Ministries

**The Easter Lily donation list can be found at the welcome areas and the reception desks.*

Thank you for celebrating Easter with us! We're so glad you're here!
Visit our website to find out more about our faith community — www.mcfarlinumc.org