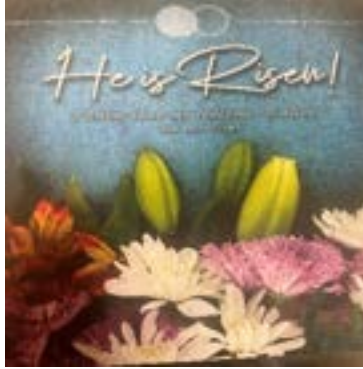


**Order of Worship for
April 5, 2026**



“Faith United Methodist Church’s mission is to share God’s love and encourage others through worship and service to our community and beyond.”

Prelude: “Christ Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” by Johann Rinck

Welcome & Announcements– Please join us after the service for fellowship & coffee

***Opening Hymn “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” #304 UMH**

***Call to Worship (Psalm 118:23, Matthew 28:6)**

L: This is the Lord’s doing;

C: it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said!

***Illumination Prayer Easter Day (UMH 320)**

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate

of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Children's Message

Scripture Reading John 20: 11-18 pg. 114 NT in pew Bible

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of God for the people of God... **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem *"Christ the Lord is Risen again"* by Hal Hopson

Sermon "I have seen the Lord"

Offertory Hymn *"Hallelujah"* by G.F. Handel

