



Easter Sunrise

APRIL 5, 2026 • 6:30 A.M. • OAK STREET BEACH

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Tower Brass Charlie Schuchat, Director

Call to Worship

One: *How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!*

All: We are called to be Easter people! Darkness cannot claim us!

One: *Fear cannot bind us! Christ is risen!*

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

Hymn #232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today, *Cole Seaton, song leader*

Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly King, Alleluia!

who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

One: *We stumble on the way to the tomb.*

All: We believe. Help our unbelief!

One: *We come to the tomb, but fear to look in.*

All: We believe. Help our unbelief!

One: *We see that the tomb is empty but still we doubt.*

All: We believe. Help our unbelief!

Declaration of Pardon

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

All: **And also with you.**

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

Scripture Lesson Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon On Jesus, and the Merriment of the Marys

Hymn #246 Christ Is Alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Thanksgiving

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Communion

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn #245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O 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 your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Benediction

Postlude

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A special word of welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning on Oak Street Beach. Whether this is your first time worshipping at Fourth Presbyterian Church or you call this community “home,” we are especially grateful you are here on this Easter Sunday.

In the joy of the resurrection, we celebrate new life and God’s enduring love. Inspired by the **radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone—without exception. Wherever you are in your faith journey, whatever questions or burdens you carry, know that in this Easter hope, **you belong here.**

As we gather by the water at sunrise to hear the story of Christ’s resurrection, sing, and pray, we are renewed in

hope and inspired to reflect Christ’s **light in our city** as we seek to love God and love one another.

Guided by our Antiracism Covenant, we strive to embody **Beloved Community**, where all are valued and differences are strengths.

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Easter Sunday Worship

9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

(9:30 livestreamed at FourthChurch.org)

Sunday Worship

Sanctuary at Michigan and Delaware

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

(9:30 livestreamed at FourthChurch.org)

Participating in This Service

Nancy Benson-Nicol; Nanette Sawyer; Cole Seaton, Soloist; Members of Tower Brass, Fourth Church’s brass ensemble; Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

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We are grateful you joined us for worship this morning and invite you to explore opportunities for learning, service, and community at Fourth Church.

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