

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP



April 5, 2026

Happy Easter!

1st Sunday

*We invite you to silence your phones before the start of worship.
Please stand during the sections marked with an **

Gathering

Lighting of the Candles – Acolytes

** Please stand*

Welcome and Ministry Updates

Life on the Road

The Passing of the Peace

Please take a moment to stand, greet one another, and share the peace of Christ with those around you.

Praise

*The Call to Worship

Leader:

On this first day of the week, very early in the morning, we come to the tomb, looking for Jesus.

Congregation:

The stone is rolled away! The grave is empty!

Leader:

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

Congregation:

He is not here, but has risen!

Leader:

Remember his words, for the Son of Man is risen indeed.

All:

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Songs of Praise

Christ The Lord is Risen Today - UMH 302
He Lives - UMH 310
The Old Rugged Cross - UMH 504 verses 1 & 4

*A Time of Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will.
We have broken your law.
We have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
And we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Take a moment of silence to confess your personal sins to God.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

*Giving Glory to God (*The Gloria Patri*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Listening for God to Speak

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do

you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Word in Song Angie Goodson

The Word Proclaimed Pastor Rena Knight
"Because He Lives"

Invitation to Christ

Coming to The Table - Communion Stewards

The table of our Lord is open to all persons who are seeking after the presence of God in their lives.

The Great Thanksgiving Page 13 - UMH

The Sharing of the Meal

You are invited to leave a special offering for the local poor on the altar rail as you come forward for communion. ***The bread is gluten-free.*

***Hymn of Response**

- *Sweet Hour of Prayer - Instrumental*

Tithes and Offering Stewards

Celebrating God's Gifts

Our shared ministry - every meal, every act of care - is made possible by your faithful generosity. Thank you for helping us bring hope to our community.

If you feel led to give, please do so prayerfully. Every gift makes a difference. You can also give online at

www.cityroadchapel.org/give

Giving Thanks for God's Gifts

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayers of the Community

- Sharing of Concerns
- The Prayers of the People
- 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Choral Benediction - Sweet Sweet Spirit

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been
revived, When we shall leave this place*

Welcome to City Road Chapel

Welcome to City Road Chapel! We're so glad you've chosen to worship with us today. Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time, we hope you feel at home and experience God's presence in a meaningful way.

If you're new, we invite you to fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you better and stay connected. Learn all about our church at www.cityroadchapel.org - and follow us on Facebook for updates, events, and opportunities to get involved.

We gather for worship every Sunday, and we would love for you to join us again. We're grateful you're here and pray this time of worship brings you peace and joy. 🌿🕯️🙏