



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Hampton United Methodism Church
Sunny Side United Methodist Church
April 5, 2026, 7AM

Greeting:

Rev. JoAn Kinrade

This morning, this joyous morning, we journey once again to the tomb with Mary Magdalene as she discovers the stone is rolled away. An empty grave remains to prove our Savior lives. With joy, we discover that Christ Jesus has risen. Come, let offer praise and thanks to God for fulfilling the resurrection promise. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us hope- for today, tomorrow, and all eternity!

Call to Worship

Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed.

Faith, hope, and joy are alive.

A new day is dawning; death cannot harm us. Let us pray:

God of all creation, we praise you.

God of resurrection and eternal life, we gather to worship you and celebrate your victory over sin and death. To You be the glory, forever and ever! Amen.

Hymn: "To God be the Glory"

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

Laura Love

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Reading: An excerpt from “*We Have Seen Jesus,*” by Ann Weems

Penny Little

Hymns: “*This is the Day*” and “*Up From the Grave He Arose*”

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made, We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made.

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign,
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord.

Scripture Readings: John 3: 16-17
Romans 8: 31-39

**Carrie Love
Bob Heath**

Testimonies:

Laurie Ward and Fred Flory

Morning Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise:

Rev. Dr. Brent Ward

Closing Prayer: Lord, we have so much to be thankful for this Easter morning. In the chill of the morning air, we feel the warm blessing of your Spirit. We can rejoice this day because our tendency toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for faith. We are truly amazed that a cross of crucifixion has been transformed into a symbol of new life and hope; a symbol of eternal life. We thank you that a dark and empty tomb has given way to a garden of light and life and blessings! In all our days, let us we live for Christ, our resurrected and risen Savior. Amen.

Hymn: Because He Lives

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

BENEDICTION.

The tomb is empty, Christ has risen!
As you journey in faith, may your life be full,
your love be abundant, and your hope be eternal.
Live this day and always for Christ Jesus
because the Risen Christ lives in you.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Passing of the Peace- *Share the joy of the Risen Christ with one another, then please make your way to the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, lovingly prepared by the Sunny Side United Methodist Men's Club. Everyone is welcome!*