

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8



Worship Bulletin
Sunday, April 5th, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Call to Worship

Liturgist, Paul Martin

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Once we were lost—wandering far from love,
like sheep without a shepherd,
like coins hidden in the dust,
like children who forgot their way home.

People: But God never stopped seeking us.

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
God searches the shadows,
sweeps every corner,
and runs down the road to meet us.

People: In Christ, we are found!

Leader: The tomb is empty—
not only because Christ is risen,
but because nothing can separate us from God's love.

People: We are welcomed, restored, and made new.

Leader: So come—whether you feel lost or found,
near or far, certain or searching.

People: Let us rejoice! God has found us in love.

Leader: Let us worship the risen Christ!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Opening Prayer

**Hymn #232 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Trumpet Trio: Larry Baker, John Elvig, and Greg McDonald

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God,
you are the One who seeks us,
the One who will not rest until all your children are gathered home.

Yet we confess how easily we lose our way.
Like lost sheep, we lose the path, distracted by so many things.
Like the lost coin, we become buried under worry, fear and brokenness.
Like the prodigal child, we turn away from your love, chasing what cannot give life.

We confess that we have not trusted your seeking love.
We have doubted our worth in your eyes.
We have withheld grace from others
even as you run to meet us with compassion.

Forgive us, O God.
Search for us once more.
Sweep through the hidden places of our hearts.
Find us, restore us, and bring us home.

In the risen Christ,
remind us that we are never beyond your reach,
never too lost to be found,
never too broken to be made new.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Leader: God makes peace within us.

People: Let us claim it.

Leader: God makes peace between us.

People: Let us share it.

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

People: And also with you!

Please share signs of peace (ex. a wave, handshake, or high five) with each other.

A Word for God's Children

Erica Russell

Anthem

Risen Today!
By Lloyd Larson

St. Andrew Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Scripture – Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Silent Reflection

**Hymn #248 - Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God,
the Creator of life,
who plants love deep within the world
and calls all that is created good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Bread of Life,
who was broken by the powers of sin and death,
laid in the tomb,
and raised by God on the third day.
In him, love rises stronger than fear,
hope rises beyond despair,
and life rises from death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of the risen Christ,
who kneads grace into our lives,
forms us into one body,
and empowers us to rise in love and faith.

We believe the church is called to live the resurrection—
to share bread with the hungry,
to welcome the stranger,
to seek justice,
and to bear witness that death does not have the final word.
We believe in the promise of new life,
that God is still rolling away stones,
still raising what seems lost,
and still calling us to rise in love. Amen.

Offering our Gifts and Gratitude

To give electronically, please visit standrewboulder.org/giving

***Song of Dedication #232 - *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (v. 4):**

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 Dedication**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our loving God, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

Hymn #238 - *Thine is the Glory

Benediction

Postlude

***Stand as able**

The Charge this morning comes from Roddy Hamilton
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Today, and throughout the Easter season (until Pentecost), we use the color white to symbolize the joy, triumph, and glory of Christ's resurrection, the most celebratory season of the church year!

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St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- **April 6** - Office Closed for Easter Monday
- **April 8** - Noon Prayer Service
- **April 9** - Women's Crafts and Conversation, Serve Dinner to the Unhoused with Community Table
- **April 12** - Youth Sunday - Hybrid Worship, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group
- **April 15** - Noon Prayer Service
- **April 16** - Mom's Night Out
- **April 18** - HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **April 19** - Hybrid Worship, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, Gather Boulder Escape Room Outing



Artist's Statement for *Resurrection* by J. Megan Ferrel
"I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25-26 KJV).

My goal for this piece was to show in an abstract manner the resurrection of Jesus. I struggle with the idea of depicting Christ realistically for my understanding of him as the resurrected God is an abstract concept. That he lives to this day is abstract or even metaphorical. How does he live? When have we seen him? I believe that the answers to these questions may not be so literal.

This image was painted using acrylic paints on a wood panel. The symbol of the cross is echoed in this painting as a kind of radiating light, like a beam shooting upwards and outwards as rainbow light cascades downward. This divine light can shine through us.

You are Loved. We are Loved. We all have the great potential to Love as Jesus does.

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING WORSHIP EVENTS!

April 12th - Youth Sunday

April 19th - Earth Day Sunday

May 3rd - Graduation Sunday

May 10th - Music Sunday

May 24th - Pentecost: Outdoor Worship
at 9:30am