



April 5, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY - Sunday, April 5, 2026

## Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

*To respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Justin Quick, Elder

*If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video.*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Phyllis McBrayer

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### Prelude

Lynda Perkins & Mary Coffman

*"In the Garden" - Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

### Introit

Choir

*"We Are Here, Lord"*

### \*Call to Worship (please rise as able)

Justin Quick & Congregation

L: Christ is risen!

Mighty God, we have no words that can express  
your power and our awe.

**P: Christ is risen! You raised him from the dead.**

L: Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours, almighty God, forever  
and ever.

**P: Christ is risen! You raised him from the dead.**

L: All creation sings the glory of the risen and victorious Son.

**P: Christ is risen! You raised him from the dead.**

L: We are free from the power of sin and death.

**P: Christ is risen! You raised him from the dead.**

L: Mighty God, we have no words that can express  
your power and our awe. But with adoring hearts we now affirm:

**P: Christ is risen! You raised him from the dead. Hallelujah! Amen.**

### \*Opening Hymn

CH #216 (all)

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

*\*Please rise as able*

### \*Invocation

Justin Quick & Congregation

My Lord, what a morning! This is a time of excitement, of possibility, of truth. Something exciting has happened! We have come to see, to discover that in you our God has done what we thought was impossible. Meet us here, O risen Christ; fill this room with your presence and us with your joy. Hallelujah! Amen

### Lenten Monologue

Carol Hedrick

*"Mary Magdalene"*

from *"Cries of Faith"* by Jeffrey B. Snyder

### Relighting the Candles

Sharla Hulsey

### Prayer Hymn

CH #224 (all)

*"Christ Arose!"*

### Silent Meditation

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sharla Hulsey

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.

### Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

### Responsive Reading

Justin Quick & Congregation

Psalm 118:21-24, 28-29 (NRSV)

L: thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**P: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

L: This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**P: This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**P: you are my God, I will extol you.**

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**P: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

### Special Music

Choir

*"Rejoice! He Is Alive"*

*\*Please rise as able*

Scripture

*John 20:1-18*

Message

*“Walking Through a Fog”*

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Invitation Hymn

*“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”*

Musical Interlude

Offering Meditation

Tithes & Offerings

*Offering trays will be passed in the pews.*

\*Doxology

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

Call to Communion

Communion Hymn

*“He Lives!”*

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

*Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

\*Closing Hymn

*“Because He Lives”*

**Serving Today**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Elder:** Justin Quick

**Deacons:** Carol Hedrick,  
Carol Lewis

**Greeter:** Carol Hedrick

**Scripture Reader:** Phyllis McBrayer

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

Phyllis McBrayer

Sharla Hulsey

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CH #225 (all)

Mary Coffman

Diana Rich

Diaconate

CH #47

Justin Quick

Sharla Hulsey

CH #226 (all)

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Justin Quick

Diaconate

Sharla Hulsey

CH #562

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- OUTREACH MISSION - The April outreach project will support Faith Adventures, the camp ministry held at Camp Galilee. All funds collected through our Cash Calendar will go directly toward the camp’s expenses and ongoing ministry needs. The Cash Calendar is easy to participate in: each day in April has a designated dollar amount, and you’re invited to give that amount for that day—or any combination of days.
- DISCIPLES WOMEN - *Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.*
- ELDERS MEETING - *Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> after worship*
- CAMP RALLY - *Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.* at the First Christian Church in El Dorado Springs, 300 S. Main.
- BOARD MEETING - *Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> after worship*
- COMMUNITY CAFÉ - *Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.*
- PASTORAL SUPPORT MEETING - *Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5 p.m.*
- JASON BENNETT BENEFIT - *Sunday, April 26 @ Noon* at the Elks Lodge, 1000 Elks Dr, Butler.

**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Apr. 5:	8:30 a.m.	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Apr. 7:	6 p.m.	<b>Disciples Women</b>
Wednesday, Apr. 8:	5 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	Choir Practice

**NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS**

Sunday, Apr. 12:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
		<b>Elders Meeting</b>
	3 p.m.-6p.m.	<b>Camp Rally</b>
Wednesday, Apr. 15:	5 p.m.	Youth Group
	6 p.m.	Choir Practice



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**Sunday, March 29 & April 5, 2026**  
or two alternative Sundays in your congregation

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**This day**, was unlike any other day. **This day**, on the first day of the week, the grief, expectations, and questions of Mary Magdalene and Simon Peter were disrupted by resurrection. **This day**, the followers of Jesus discovered that Jesus was risen. At the tomb they found a teacher and a teaching that changed the world. **This day**, love provided limitless answers and a new world became possible. **This is the day that the Lord has made.**

*Peter and the other Disciple ran to the tomb looking for Jesus, and love answered. Mary Magdalene went looking for Jesus in the midst of her sorrow, uncertainty, and longing, and love answered.*

First, in ways they could not comprehend, and then by giving them an encounter and an answer to share. Through the Easter Offering, the church responds to God's love made known in the resurrection by sharing in God's answers to the needs of the world.

**Love answers congregations and communities in the midst of transition through our gifts:**

- On days and seasons when Congregations and Regions raise up new leaders, our gifts provide education, mentors, and support.
- On days and seasons when health and social service ministries are needed most, our gifts provide housing, medical, and mental health resources.
- On days and seasons when conflict is present internationally and climate challenges compound our concerns, our gifts enable global mission partners to respond with care.

**Love provides more than one answer and an encounter with the risen Christ through our gifts:**

- To support chaplains serving hospitals, schools, and in the military
- To equip ministers and elders, and to multiply new worshipping communities gathering in diverse languages and styles
- To sustain the church and our witness in the world through stewardship education

Your gift supports ministries that embody resurrection hope and God's limitless love **on this day and every day** throughout the year.

**The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):**

Center for Faith and Giving, Obra Hispana, Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Disciples Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, and Treasury Services.

Please give generously to the Easter Offering on Sunday, **March 29** and **April 5** or two alternative Sundays in your congregation using the giving envelopes or online at [disciplesmissionfund.org/give](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give).