



*Trinity Reformed*  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
April 5, 2026 — 6:30 A.M.

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
(Sponsored by the Conover Ministerial Association)

(\* Signifies all who are able please stand.)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Early Bells on Easter Morn" Marty Light, Organist  
(by James Mansfield)

WELCOME Rev. Peggy Stout

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) Rev. Johnnie McIver

This is the good news: the grave is empty, Christ is risen!

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news: the light has shined in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out. Jesus our Lord has conquered the grave, and sin and death shall reign no more.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is risen! Let this place resound with joy!

**Hallelujah!**

\*HYMN "Christ Arose" #298 Blue Book

(Please be seated.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsively) Rev. Katie Carson

Brightness of God's glory and the exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit.

**Let no shadow of the grave terrify us and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the living one, our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen!**

PIANO INTERLUDE "Thine Is the Glory" Marty Light  
(by George F. Handel/arr. by Robert Thygeron)

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:1-12 Rev. Helen Bledsoe

Luke 24:36-49 Rev. Jason Shoup

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Rev. Don Bledsoe

SERMON "In the Darkness — Life!" Rev. John Woods

SPECIAL MUSIC "Alleluia! Love Is Alive" Marty Light  
(by Steve Angrisano, Jesse Madibusan, Sarah Hart)

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Ron Carson

\*HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #345 Blue Book  
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

OFFERING

Invitation Rev. Bernard Coulter

Offertory "The Strife Is O'er" (by Giovanni Palestrina/arr. by Lani Smith)

\*Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Unison) Rev. Terrill Coulter

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #289 Blue Book

\*BENEDICTION & COMMISSIONING Rev. Jaha Seechang

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. May Christ, who lives forever and is the source of new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always. **Amen and Amen.**

\*INVITATION TO TRINITY BREAKFAST Rev. Peggy Stout

\*POSTLUDE "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Marty Light  
(arr. by Healey Willam)

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The offering received this morning will be divided equally between the Corner Table and ASHURE Ministry (formerly ECCCM) to help those in need throughout our community.

**You are cordially invited by the Men's Brotherhood of Trinity Church to have breakfast following worship and to enjoy a spirit of Christian fellowship with one another.**

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**CONOVER MINISTER'S ASSOCIATION WORSHIP LEADERS**

Trinity Reformed UCC .....Rev. Peggy Stout  
Trinity Reformed UCC (Lahu Pastor)...Rev. Jaha Seechang  
Covenant Christian Church .....Rev. Don W. Bledsoe  
Covenant Christian Church .....Rev. Helen M. Bledsoe  
Covenant Christian Church .....Rev. Katie S. Carson  
Covenant Christian Church .....Rev. Ron M. Carson  
Covenant Christian Church .....Rev. Johnnie R. McIver  
First Methodist Church of Conover.....Rev. John Woods  
First Methodist Church of Conover.....Rev. Jason Shoup  
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