



Church and Community Notes

As we seek a settled pastor through our search and call process, we will not be able to offer office hours as usual, but the Deacons (Karen Blanchard, Lee Crocker, Charlotte Gifford, Adrienne Major, Ray Huessy, and Sue Venman) are available to support the congregation. You can leave a message on the church number (802-387-1175) or you can contact a deacon directly. In case of pastoral emergency, a deacon will call on the Rev. Shawn Bracebridge (pastor of the Dummerston UCC) and help a person in need get in contact with him. For all questions of church building use, please contact Tom Griffith.



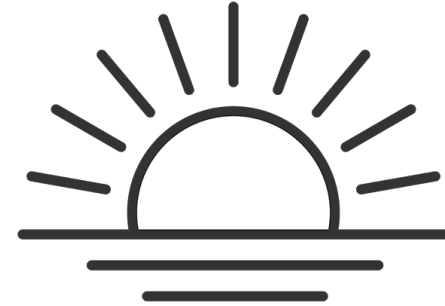
Worship Participants:

Service Leader: Sharon Easterling
Musician: Eric Robinson
Deacon: Charlotte Gifford
Tech: Sue Venman
Trustees: Guy Payne, chair
Ministers to the World: The Congregation



Congregational Church of Westminster West A United Church of Christ

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday



Prelude: *He Is Risen!*

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

People: The grave clothes are lying in a heap.

Leader: The body is gone.

People: Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions:

Leader: Why are you crying?

People: Who is it you are looking for?

Leader: Let us proclaim with Mary:

People: We have seen the risen Lord!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed

(Written by Joanna Harader; posted on Spacious Faith)

***Hymn:** # 233 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, we confess that we too often live in the darkness of Good Friday, when you have called us into the light of Easter morning. We have given in to the Powers of this world – an eye for eye and a tooth for a tooth. We have returned evil for evil, and we have failed to obey the call to love our enemies.

Hear us now as we open our hearts and empty ourselves of these things which keep us from being the people you call us to be.

Assurance of Pardon:

My sisters and brothers, know this: "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." **Colossians**

1:13-14

***Gloria: #756** (see inside back of hymnal)

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Choir Anthem: *The Resurrection Day* John T Hocutt

Reflection: *Transforming the Powers*

Prayers of the People

L: May the Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Joys and Concerns

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

***Hymn: #242** *The Strife is O'er*

Offertory: *How Firm a Foundation*

American Folk Tune, arr. Sharon Wilson

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done.
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.

***Closing Hymn:** *Because He Lives* (insert)

***Benediction**

Postlude: *Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

**indicates that all who are able shall stand*