

Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
April 5, 2026
Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday

*all those who are able please stand

Our worship begins with the Prelude.

Please be mindful of those who wish to spend this time in prayer

PRELUDE

Fanfare

Aaron Copland

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist: Ellen Aronheim

INTROIT

Youth Choir

This is the Day
Trumpet soloist, Kyle Beard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***HYMN**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #182

INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen. (Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

Hear the good news from scripture: “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and given victory over death. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.”

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

SERMON
Shaking Up the World

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

***HYMN**

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #181

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer requests will be received from the congregation. Please be mindful worship is livestreamed, so we advise caution on using last names to preserve people's privacy.

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah, from "Messiah"

G.F. Handel

Adult Choir

***Doxology in Unison**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Holy God, we offer these gifts for your glory. Let them be signs of life, in the name of the one who is risen from the dead. Use them for works of love, in the name of the one who taught us to love one another: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion is served in the pews and is open to all, including children, who wish to grow in faith in Jesus Christ
(All communion bread is gluten free)*

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. [We use "Father" and "trespasses," but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

God Most High, we have lifted our hearts to you in this joyful meal with our risen Lord. Continue to sustain us with your power and draw us into your presence so that we may feast with you in glory at the wedding of heaven and earth; through Christ, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

Thine is the Glory

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #193

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Hallelujah, Amen

Adult Choir

POSTLUDE

The Trumpet Shall Sound

G.F. Handel

*Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall after worship for
fellowship and refreshments*



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