

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

Sermon: “The Good News is...Alive in the World” Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #236 - “The Strife is O’er”

VICTORY

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response and Postlude:** “Hallelujah Chorus Excerpt (from Easter Morning Alleluias)”
Tom Fettke

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

William Bennett—Director of Music

Jim Moore—Organist

Brass Ensemble: **Angelo Gonzales**, Trumpet 1, **Tom Davol**, Trumpet 2,

Kimber Amweg, Horn

Chancel Choir

Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am**—**Sherry Roberts** **11:00 am**—**Hunter Harris**

Liturgists: **8:45 am**—**Mike Homola** **11:00 am**—**Colin Martin**

Ushers: **8:45 am**—**Pat Tolbert**, **Julie McCormick**, **Marylou & Oden**

Semones

11:00 am—**Lionel Lawson**, **Merrilyn Long**, **Jay Johnson & Rose Warrell**

Flowers—The Easter lilies are given to the Glory of God in honor and in memory of our loved ones. Please see the Easter Honorariums and Memorials insert in today’s bulletin.

Liturgy: Our liturgy is adapted from words for worship by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.



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WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall to visit the Welcome Center during coffee fellowship time. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Children and Nursery—Nursery is available in Room 203. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Murphy at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

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SUNDAYS AT SPC

Nursery is available 8:30 am-12:15 pm in Room 203

8:45 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship (Lanneau)

10:00 am—Sunday School (Education Wing)

Pre-Reader—Room 103

K-4th—Room 104

Tween (5th-8th)—Room 303

Under the Hill—Room 106

Genesis—Room 101

Seekers —Room 201

10:00 am—Contemporary Service (Gym)

11:00 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

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**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
EASTER SUNDAY
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, April 5, 2026**

GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.
“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

Prelude: “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!” *Mark Hayes*
Jim Moore, Organist, Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

*Call to Worship

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

The good news is dancing!

The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

He is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn:** #232 - “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” EASTER HYMN

*Confession and Pardon

Friends, on Easter Sunday

we remember that the world did its worst to God.

The world battered and bruised,

betrayed and abandoned,

crucified and buried our living God.

And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return.

Jesus rose again and immediately went to work

spreading God’s love to the very people who had hurt him.

So hear me when I say, there is nothing you can do that could keep God’s love at bay.

With that good news mind, let us go to God in prayer,

trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us.

Friends, let us pray:

Gracious God,

we want to be Easter people.

We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.

We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.

We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,”
but we are afraid.

And we don’t know where to look.

And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing.

So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.

We are best intentions and best laid plans.

We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.”

We are on our way, but we are not there yet.

Show us how to embody your good news in this world.

Show us how to be your Easter people.

With hope for tomorrow, we pray, Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Song of Assurance: “Lord Have Mercy” KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Family of faith,
even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,”
we belong to God.
Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep
God’s love at bay.
So friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Song of Praise: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” LLANFAIR
Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

*Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith (1-26)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Passing the Peace

Please introduce yourself as you pass the peace of Christ.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Church Family Moment

Sara Kaczmarks

Prayer of Illumination:

Holy One,

all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story.

All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its

sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying

for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we

pray, be here. Speak to us today.

Soften the calloused parts of our hearts

until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more.

With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb.

We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you.

First Scripture Reading: 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. 2 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. 3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 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.” 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 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.”

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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Musical Offering: “The Day of Resurrection”
Chancel Choir

Shelton Ridge Love

*Doxology

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**

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***Reflection Hymn:** #240 - “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” ALLELUIA NO. 1