



Manilla United Methodist Church

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

***"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."*—Kate McGahan**

*Please stand as you are comfortable
Bold print indicates congregational response

Prelude video— "The Easter Song" (about 4:03)

***Call to Worship:**

Leader—Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

People—Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Leader—Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

People—Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Leader—God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Leader—Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

People—Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness. Now dry our tears and send us out to tell the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Opening Hymn— "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (video)

Joys & Concerns — Silent Prayer — Pastoral Prayer — Lord's Prayer

Giving Back to God—Offering plates are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Offering Prayer/ *UMH #304— "Easter People Raise Your Voices" v. 1

Hymn—UMH #156— "I Love To Tell the Story"

Scripture—Matthew 28: 1-10 and Colossians 3: 1-4

Message— "From Fearful to Fervent"

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Hear the good news! Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven.

Holy Communion— "Thank You, Jesus" (video to be played during communion —about 5:50)

***Closing Hymn— “Celebrate Jesus” (video)**

***Benediction/Sending Forth**

Go, now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go, now in faith—steadfast, strong, and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go, now in love and show you believe

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go, now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

April 12

Greeters/Candle lighter/Liturgist: Sandi Brus

April 19

Greeters/Candle lighter/Liturgist: Lillian Justice

April 26

Greeters/Candle lighter/Liturgist: Kathy Jorgensen

May 3

Greeters/Candle lighter/Liturgist: Pat Olson

Communion Steward: Pat Olson



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



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Pastor Lori Shannon