



Rockville United Church  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)/United Church of Christ  
Easter Sunrise Service  
April 5, 2026 ~ 7:00 a.m.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, who gives us the morning sun and the evening star,

**We have gathered to thank you.**

O God, in whom we move and breathe and have our being,

**We have gathered to praise you.**

O God, who brings us out of Darkness into Light,  
out of winter into springtime, out of death into Life,

**We celebrate you!**

God of Grace, Giver of Gifts, bless us we pray,  
as we seek to respond to the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**All praise be to you for your gift of gifts.**

\*HYMN

*Morning Has Broken*

(see insert)

## CONFESSIONS AT THE EMPTY TOMB

Lord, Jesus Christ, we come to confess our feelings.

**We come with anxiety and sorrow, with hope and expectation.**

Lord, Jesus Christ, we come to the empty tomb.

**And we see our own death, we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness.**

Lord, Jesus Christ, when we come to the empty tomb.

**We see a hungry world before us, the pain of starving children, the guilt of war on our hands, the terror of friends without rights, and we know that we share in these evils.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalm 77: 1-10

MEDITATION

Part 1: Wood and Nails

GOSPEL

Mark 16: 1-8

MEDITATION

Part 2: and Colored Eggs

\*HYMN

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

(see insert)

## LITANY OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Alleluiah, Christ Is Risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

He has broken all barriers, he has set us free!

**Now we can travel forward without fear or dread. Now we can be Easter people!**

**Now we can proclaim the good news that Christ is alive forever! Now we can smile at death and live our lives in dignity and hope!**

In our unfolding journey of faith, we are continually astonished by this day!

We give thanks for this day! We live in this day, because on this day God gives us evidence of the Gospel promise!

**In Him, no stone which cannot be lifted, no power that cannot be defeated, no sickness that cannot be cured, no obstacle that cannot be overcome.**

There is only faith and hope and a journey that beckons us with the expectant radiance of that first Easter morn!

**Thanks be to God for this day of days!**

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## **Welcome to Rockville United Church!**

*We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We trust that you will find RUC to be a welcoming and engaging place to explore the life of faith within a community that honors each person's spiritual journey. We encourage you to ask questions, visit our website, and share your contact information at the welcome table near the front doors.*

*I hope to greet you personally following worship, and invite you to contact me.*

*Blessings,*

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