

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026**

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Lay Reader: He is Risen!

**People: He is Risen indeed! (repeat 3x)**

PRELUDE "Enter With Joy" Wissinger  
Handbell Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Walk on, O people of God! A new law, in resurrection. God's new alliance, all creation is reborn!

**People: Walk on, O people of God; walk on!**

Leader: Look on Calvary's summit; on the rock there towers a cross; death that gives birth to new living, a new people, a new light. Christ has brought us salvation with his death and rising again!

**People: Walk on, O people of God; walk on!**

Leader: Christ takes into his body all our sin, enslavement, and pain; as he destroys them he brings us life's abundance, life's new joy. Christ brings reconciliation to all things and people with God. Nature burst into new flowering, all creation is reborn!

**People: Walk on, o people of God; walk on!**

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**OPENING PRAYER**

\*HYMN OF PROCESSION "Christ Is Risen" UMH 307

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH as we sing:  
**I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing, (repeat 3x)**  
**And obey the Spirit of the Lord.** UMH 333

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:1-10 NT – page 32

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) "We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight" Larson  
Chancel Choir

SERMON "Do Not Be Afraid" Pastor Ed Priestaf

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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**SHARING OF FORGIVENESS**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**THE WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory "Easter Proclamation" Larson  
Handbell Choir

\* DOXOLOGY No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise  
the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**VISITORS**

Welcome to Long Memorial  
United Methodist Church!

We are glad that God guided  
you to be a part of our worship  
today.

\_\_\_ First time visitor

\_\_\_ New in the community

\_\_\_ Would you like to  
receive our newsletter?

(Place this in the offering plate  
or give to the Pastor)

Please share your contact  
information so we may  
welcome you and fulfill your  
requests.

Name(s):

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Address:

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Phone:

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Email Address:

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May we visit you? \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN "Christ Is Alive" UMH 318

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION HYMN (verse 1) UMH 322  
"Up From The Grave He Arose"

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

**THIS WEEK AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC:**

**Monday:** Church Office Closed

A.M.-P.M. – John Illsley – Harris Hall

**Tuesday:** 5:00 P.M. – Billie Oakley – Harris Hall

**Wednesday:** 5:00 P.M. – Jona Fitzgerald – Sanctuary & Library

**Thursday:** 10:00 A.M. – Bible Study – Library

PRAYER LIST: Todd Bulgrin, Maxine Galloway, Ron Priestaf

**A nursery (located in front of the church office) is available. Parents – please set your phones on vibrate and leave your cell number with our nursery staff so that if you are needed they will be able to get in touch with you.**

**Church Staff:**

- Rev. Ed Priestaf, Pastor
- Charles Higgins, Director of Music
- Peggy Wade, Church Secretary
- Pam Day, Preschool Director
- Autumn Gentry, Children & Youth Ministries Director
- Billie Oakley, Church Treasurer
- Sherry Clayton & Kayla Brown, Nursery Attendants
- Wilbur Brann, Hunt Fitzgerald, Audio Technicians



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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

*Our Mission Is To Make Disciples Of Jesus*

*For The Transformation Of The World*

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

**People:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome you to Long Memorial United Methodist Church!** It is our sincere desire that your worship time with us will be enjoyable and edifying. If you are interested in learning more about our community please see the "visitor" section of this bulletin.

\_\_\_\_ I need prayer regarding

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\_\_\_\_\_(be specific)

\_\_\_\_ I know someone who needs prayer

\_\_\_\_\_  
(your name)

\_\_\_\_ I need a call/visit from the Pastor

\_\_\_\_ I would like to become a member of Long Memorial UMC

Name:

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Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

(Place this in the offering plate or give to the Pastor)