

HE IS EXALTED

Sunday Worship // April 5, 2026



EASTER *at*

ALL SOULS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 5, 2026

Sermon: **Luke Herche**, lead pastor

Worship Leaders: **Jamie Chesser & Todd Doehring**, elders

Musicians: **David Thies**, piano & organ · **Larry Knox**, voice

Priscilla Knox, voice · **Sarah Shultz**, voice · **Eric Kaiser**, guitar

Brad Sarmiento, bassoon · **Joseph Madden**, music director & violin

Pray with Us

Monday · That we would marvel in the Risen Christ. (*Mark 16:6*)

Tuesday · That we would encourage one another and build one another up in the faith. (*1 Thess. 5:11-13a*)

Wednesday · That God would give grace and mercy to our pastors to love and lead our congregation well. (*Jer. 3:15*)

Thursday · For wisdom and grace for our elders and deacons as they serve and care for their families, the church, and the community. (*1 Tim. 3:1-13*)

Friday · That as God's Word is taught on Sunday it would come to us in the power of the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; that God would open hearts to hear and respond to the gospel message. (*1 Thess. 1:5a; Acts 16:14*)

Pastoral Staff & Leadership

Luke Herche, lead pastor · **Josué Pernillo**, associate pastor

Elders: **Brian Aldridge** · **Jamie Chesser** · **Todd Doehring**
Scott Morrison · **Daniel Thies** · **David Thies**

Deacons: **Larry Knox** · **Mark Wenneborg**

Apr. 5, 2026

10:30 am



Invited In

Call to Worship · Psalm 118:1-4, 22-24

Hymn No. 277* Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Please stand as you are able.

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," *Alleluia!*
Sons of men and angels say; *Alleluia!*
Raise your joys and triumphs high; *Alleluia!*
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. *Alleluia!*

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Alleluia!*
Christ has burst the gates of hell; *Alleluia!*
Death in vain forbids his rise; *Alleluia!*
Christ has opened paradise. *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King; *Alleluia!*
Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*
Once he died, our souls to save; *Alleluia!*
Where thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*

Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia!*
Foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*
Made like him, like him we rise: *Alleluia!*
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. *Alleluia!*

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
Thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

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Invocation*



Coming Clean

Call to Confession · 1 Corinthians 15:17–19; Luke 24:5–6

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have often sought our acceptance in the silly and the mundane, trying to prove our worth through our own performance and the status symbols of this age. At our worst, we have postured and lied to gain acceptance. We have been defensive in the face of criticism and demonized those with whom we disagree, all to feel good about ourselves and look good to others. Forgive us, Father, for our self-justification, for living for our reputation rather than your glory. Thank you for Jesus, who was rejected that we might be accepted, who was raised that we might be vindicated before your throne of grace. Teach us by your Spirit to rest in him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Made New

Assurance of Grace · Romans 4:25–5:1

Covenant Baptism of Sylvester Took Whitman

Hymn+ Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King,
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity,
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man,
In his living, in his suffering,
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree,
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
Slain by death the God of life,
But no grave could e'er restrain him.
Praise the Lord; he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope,
Christ in power, resurrected,
As we will be when he comes.

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How unwavering our hope,
Christ in power, resurrected,
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Confession of Faith• Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Parents may escort children up to age 4 to the nursery.



Drawn Near

Scripture Reading · Luke 24:1–12

Prayer for the Church

Hymn No. 286• Worship Christ, the Risen King!

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him,
Empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain him,
For the throne of life he shares."
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble,
See the stone removed with pow'r;
All hell's minions may assemble,
But cannot withstand his hour.
He has conquered, he has conquered,
Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, he is risen,
Now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus,
Now we sing your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,
But your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

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Scripture Reading · Romans 4:25

Sermon · *Resurrection & Acceptance*

- The Resurrection Is Jesus' Acceptance
- The Problems with Our Performance
- The Source of True Acceptance
- The Fruits of Freedom & Love

Hymn• In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Communion

Offering

Hymn No. 276+ Up from the Grave He Arose

Low in the grave he lay—Jesus, my Savior,
Waiting the coming day—Jesus, my Lord.
Up from the grave he arose, *(He arose!)*
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes. *(He arose!)*
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! *(He arose!)* He arose! *(He arose!)*
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed—Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead—Jesus, my Lord.
Up from the grave he arose, *(He arose!)*
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes. *(He arose!)*
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! *(He arose!)* He arose! *(He arose!)*
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away—Jesus, my Lord.
Up from the grave he arose, *(He arose!)*
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes. *(He arose!)*
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! *(He arose!)* He arose! *(He arose!)*
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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Sent Out

Commission & Benediction+

Scripture Reading · Romans 4:25

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- The Resurrection Is Jesus' Acceptance
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Next week's

sermon text:

Revelation 2:12–17

New & Upcoming

Sat, Apr 11 · 9:00 am | **Women's Breakfast** (Morrison home)

Sun, Apr 12 · 5:00 pm | **Evening Worship**

Sat, Apr 18 · 9:00 am | **Salt & Light Volunteering** (Urbana, IL)

Sun, Apr 19 · 12:30 pm | **Youth Group**

Sat, Apr 25 · 9:00 am | **Men's Breakfast**

All events are at All Souls (202 W Illinois St) unless indicated.

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Announcements

Women are invited to a **Women's Fellowship Breakfast** Apr. 11 at 9:00 am at the home of Cindy Morrison. Contact womensministry@allsoulsPCA.org with questions.

Serve with us at Salt & Light in Urbana Apr. 18 from 9:00 am – noon. Contact deacons@allsoulsPCA.org with questions.

All men are invited to a **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** Saturday, Apr. 25, at 9:00 am.

Sermon Reflection

We often find ourselves in “staring contests” with life—trying to prove we are valuable or right or worthy. Which of those “contests” in your own life (at work, at home, or even in your own head) feels the most exhausting right now?

Because Jesus was delivered over for our sins and raised specifically for our acceptance, how does his vindication in the resurrection serve as a better defense for you than any excuse or success you could manufacture for yourself?

What would tomorrow morning look like if you woke up fully convinced that you no longer had to “justify your existence” because Jesus was already raised for your acceptance?

Since you are now free from the need to condemn or compare yourself to others for self-justification, who is one person in your life you can move toward with self-sacrificial love this week, simply because you are already secure in Christ?

SUNDAYS

Morning Prayer | 8:00 am

Sunday School | 9:00 am

Worship Service | 10:30 am

Evening Worship | 5:00 pm*

*every 2nd Sunday/month

Evening Prayer | 5:00 pm**

**every 4th Sunday/month

Learn more at
allsoulspca.org/sundays

KIDS IN WORSHIP

Children of all ages are welcome throughout the service.

A **staffed nursery** for children up to age 4 is available after the Confession of Faith.

Quiet activities for use during the service and a **private room** for mothers and toddlers are located in the narthex.

NEW HERE?

Welcome! Please fill out a Connect Card located in the pews or at allsoulspca.org/contact



SMALL GROUPS

Community Groups

Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Women's Study

Mondays, 7 pm/Fridays, 9:30 am

Senior Men's Group

Wednesdays, 12:00 pm*

*every other week

Men's Reading Groups

Individually Scheduled

Youth Group

Sundays, 12:00/12:30 pm**

**every 1st/3rd Sunday/month

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