



EASTER SUNDAY
Southside Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

Sunday, April 5, 2026

(When there is an asterisk*, please stand as you are able. Please speak aloud the **bold** responses.)

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Karen Kaiser

Coming into Worship

Randy Smith, Music
Matt Reese, Deacon

In pouring water, we remember our baptism.
In lighting candles, we celebrate Christ’s light in our lives.

Call to Worship(Ministry Matters)

Janet Fliger, Worship Leader

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is Risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is Risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Savior is with us now and always.

Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn –#216 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

***Opening Prayer (John 20)**

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.

Hymn – #224 “Christ Arose”

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

Inclusive Bible

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!” At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He didn’t enter but

bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus' head lying not with the wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. As yet, they didn't understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus' body had lain. They asked her, "Why are you weeping?" She answered them, "because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they have put the body." No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. He asked her, "Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, "Please, if you're the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you've laid the body and I will take it away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned to him and said, "Rabboni!"—which means "Teacher." Jesus then said, "Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, 'I'm ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!'" Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. "I have seen the Teacher!" she announced. Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

Sermon: When Jesus Speaks Your Name.

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***Hymn of Discipleship – #227 "In the Garden"**

***Passing the Peace/Peace Candle**

Karen Paluzzi

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

As we symbolize peace to one another, we also pray for the resolution of conflict and the end of violence.

Sharing Time and Pastoral Prayer

Karen Paluzzi

Invitation to Communion

Karen Kaiser and Anthony Hurley, Elders Serving

God's Spirit be with you

And, also with you

Lift up your hearts

We open them to God

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Elder's Prayer followed by Christ's Prayer

Creator in heaven, holy is Your name. Your realm come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us each day our daily strength and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation's way, but deliver us from all evil. For Yours is the dominion, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution:

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we remember Christ's life, proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

Communion Hymn "Because he Lives"

By William Gaither
Randy Smith, Music

(Gifts may be given as you go to receive communion)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Benediction (John 20)**

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We have come from darkness and despair to hope and joy. We have been transformed by new life. Go forth to witness and to testify to the message of hope we have received this day. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia. Amen.

***Sending Song – #226 "He Lives"**

***Carrying Out the Light of Christ into the World**

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MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY, APRIL 10 @ KAREN KAISER'S



 BIRTHDAYS!	
Jon Taylor	April 6 th
Patti Smurdon	April 13 th
Dennis Garrett	April 18 th
Ron Teal	April 25 th