



United Methodist Church
of Holyoke, South Hadley & Granby
30 Carew St.
So. Hadley MA
Pastor George Kiakis

Easter
April 5 2026

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - All are welcome - loved for who you are, exactly as you are. Please stay after worship so we can meet and say hello.

If you are able, please stand at the places marked with an asterisk (*). For all other portions of the service, you may remain seated.

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Announcements

Prelude

Choral Introit: *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

Welcome

L: May the peace of God be with all of you.

P: And also with you.

Call To Worship

L: Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

L: Life has conquered! Love has overcome fear!

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

L: God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

L: Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

***Hymn #302: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Morning Prayer: Unison

In thy hand, we see the whole cosmos, Heaven and earth reflect the mystery of thy handy work.
In thy hand, we see a little child, Men and women are recaptured by the event of Bethlehem.

In thy hand, we see the scar of the cross. Sin and death are vanquished by thy suffering on Golgotha.
In thy hand, behold a new light, Day and night are transformed in the glory of Easter morning.

A Time for Young People

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***Gloria Patri**

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Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Ministry in Music: *Now the Green Blade Rises*

Prayer of Confession:

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.

Scripture: Matthew 28: pg. 83

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him,

clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Guards' Report

11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. 12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'" 14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

The Great Commission

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Message: Pastor George Kiakis

*Hymn #2115: *Christ Has Risen*

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!

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!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
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Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
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Soar we now where Christ hath 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 heaven, Alleluia!
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Invitation to Communion pg. 13

All are welcome, regardless of age
or church membership.

*Hymn #327: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

***Offering and Doxology**

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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 uplifts!
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Offering Prayer**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Offering: Please leave your offering on the plate. The Lord has given us so much, let us remember to return some to His church.

-As you leave worship today you will receive a red egg. THE RED EGG is a symbol of birth and new life; much of life begins from this tiny form. The red represents the blood of Christ, poured out to purchase that new birth, the new relationship with God. For many years it has been a tradition in our United Methodist Church in So. Hadley to give each person a red egg on Easter.

-Please pray for: Carol Brunelle, Beth Dietz, Tim O'Donnell, Kathy Washburn, Darlene Dout, Jim Anspach's Family - parents, Gene & Rene and Uncles Earl & Tom Anspach, Mark Felsentreger, Scott Shippey, Robert Dout, Lisa Barnes, Jim Barnes, Jessica Guarnera, Family of Dennis Brooksbank, Megan Motyka, Rob Barnett, our Church, our Country, our World.

-Bible study by Sharyn, with lessons from Easter from the Backside by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Classes are at 10 am on Thursdays. Come and join us on
Apr. 9, Job 19:13-27 (review Job 1,2)
Apr. 16, Ecclesiastes 2:14-26
Apr. 23, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11



Thanks to you our sanctuary is beautifully decorated with Easter plants.

The flowers are given:

In celebration of our two new grandchildren
Love Donna & Don Barre & Family
In celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary
By Tom & Carol Deren

In memory of Jim & Betty Dout
By Alan & Darlene Dout

In memory and honor of loved ones
Love Lois Felsentreger

In honor of our Family
By Alan & Ann Felsentreger

In loving memory of Joan O'Shaughnessy
By Mary Lou Guarnera

In celebration of my children
By Mary Lou Guarnera

In memory of our Mom & Dad
Love Mark, Paul, Lisa & Kristen

In celebration of Steve & Ted
Love Mark, Paul, Lisa & Kristen

In loving memory of Pauline, Douglas & Dennis
Love George & Family

In honor of Robert Barnett
Given by Brian Tabor

-There are many ways you can help your church. Jobs may be shared with others so you can do it once in a while. There is something for everyone - young & old. Sign-up sheet in back of sanctuary or talk to Ann Felsentreger or Pastor George. There is **especially a need** for

- Someone in the balcony* - we will train - be an audio/video tech on Sunday mornings
- People to open building on Sunday mornings-unlock 5 doors
- People to close building on Sunday mornings-lock 5 doors

April 08: 9:00 a.m. UWF in Fellowship Hall
April 09: 10-11 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
April 16 10-11 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
April 17: 5-5:30 p.m. Pick up for Grab & Go meal.
April 21:: 6:00 p.m. Council & Trustee in pastor's office
April 23 10-11 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
April 24: 5:30-8 p.m. Free - Movie, hot dogs & popcorn.
April 25: 1-3 p.m. Community Kids Art Event in Fellowship Hall
April 26: Casseroles for Kate's Kitchen are due.

-Grab & Go April 17 **Menu:** Homemade Meatballs with Spaghetti, Beverage, Salad, Bread Sticks, Raspberry Chocolate Brownie Trifle \$15 For reservations text: 413 695-1212 or email: office@umcsouthhadley.org

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All are welcome. Sunday services at 10:00 a.m.
If you are in need of prayers or need to speak with the pastor, contact the office.
Pastor's office hours
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30-11:00 a.m.