

April 5, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Easter Sunday



EAST END

United Methodist Church
522 Russell St.
Nashville, Tennessee 37206
www.eastendumc.org

WHO WE ARE AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

We believe that Jesus' message of unconditional love means that every human being is a child of God and is worthy of love, respect, and inclusion. We welcome and embrace people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, physical and mental ability, education, and housing status. We stand against discrimination and exclusion by choosing to worship and serve with all people through love, acceptance, and reconciliation.

Gathering and Entrance

CHORAL INTROIT *Easter Introit* Sanctuary Choir
David L. Bone

*LIGHTING OF THE Rev. Brandon Baxter
CHRIST CANDLE

*OPENING *Christ the Lord is* UMH 302
HYMN *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!**

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MUSIC: EASTER HYMN. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708. Public Domain.

***CALL TO WORSHIP⁺**

Rev. Carrie Yoder

One: Why have you come this morning?

Many: **We come to rendezvous with the Risen Christ.**

One: How will you know him?

Many: **Through the love and life we feel present in this gathering of the Body of Christ.**

One: What will you do with this experience?

Many: **We will go forth, witnesses to this amazing act of love.**

All: **Come, then, people of God, let us worship our Easter God.**

A WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Joanna Cummings

ANTHEM

Rejoice the Lord is King

Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Dan Forrest

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION,
GRACE, AND PRAISE⁺**

Rev. Joanna Cummings

Merciful God, we often fail to recognize Christ, even when your Incarnate Love is before us. We cling to our own expectations, forgetting that your realm overturns them. Forgive us when we move through our days without seeking the Risen One, and when worship becomes routine instead of an encounter with you. Open our minds and hearts to your presence in every moment. We pray in the name of the living Christ. Alleluia and amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Joanna Cummings

One: The resurrecting power of the God known in Jesus Christ overcomes our bent to sinning and even the frailty of our mortal lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, you are beloved, and you are healed.

Many: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, you are beloved, and you are healed.**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Joanna Cummings

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

After the Passing of the Peace, Children, age 4 to 5th grade, are invited to Children's Church.

Participating children will return to their families near the end of the service.

Proclamation of God's Word

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

Rev. Carrie Yoder

Our spoken response to the reading of God's word:

Thanks be to God.

- 1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumour.
Christ is risen, God is here!**
- 2. Christ has risen for the people
whom he loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
is not silenced by the tomb.**
- 3. Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present
making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *Christ is Risen, Christ is Living*

**1. Christ is risen, Christ is living,
dry your tears, be unafraid!
Death and darkness could not hold him,
nor the tomb in which he lay.
Do not look among the dead for
one who lives for evermore;
tell the world that Christ is risen,
make it known he goes before.**

**2. If the Lord had never risen,
we'd have nothing to believe;
but his promise can be trusted:
“You will live, because I live.”
As we share the death of Adam,
so in Christ we live again;
death has lost its sting and terror,
Christ the Lord has come to reign.**

**3. Death has lost its old dominion,
let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ the first-born of the living,
gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God who causes
hope to spring up from the ground.
Christ is risen, Christ is giving
life eternal, life profound.**

***SPOKEN BENEDICTION**

Rev. Brandon Baxter

*COMMUNITY
BENEDICTION

Hallelujah Chorus
G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir,
Congregation

*POSTLUDE

Derrick Rohl, piano

**The congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.*

† At East End UMC, we begin the Lord's Prayer with the simple name "God", acknowledging that many images of God exist. Please use whatever language speaks to you; Father, Mother, Parent, Creator, etc.

Announcements

East End UMC Calendar Reminders

Sunday 4/5:	10:00 AM	Easter Worship at Warner
Monday 4/6:	8:00 AM	Coffee and Convo at Ugly Mugs
	6:30 PM	Scouts Troop 3 Meeting at Aldersgate
Tuesday 4/7:	6:00 PM	Outreach Committee Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 4/8:	5:30 PM	Skeptics & Seekers at the Rich's Home

Compassion Camp: June 1-4

Learn more about Compassion Camp and register at www.eastendumc.org/camp.

Giving

Online gifts can be made via Venmo @eastendumc or online at www.eastendumc.org/give. Please note if donations are for the General Operating budget or the Building Campaign.

Please see www.eastendumc.org/give for information on how to check your current contributions or pledges. We appreciate your gifts to EEUMC!

Nursery Ministry

Our Nursery Ministry is available during Sunday morning worship for children ages 8 wks. until 4 yrs.

Building Project Updates and Support

Progress continues on the renovation of East End UMC's new sanctuary and physical home located at 6th and Russell. To learn more about our building project and how to support this work, visit www.eastendumc.org/rebirth-on-russell.

A special component of our building project is the restoration of the original carillon bells. First featured at Tennessee's Centennial Exposition of 1897, they were purchased by the historic Tulip Street church where they have hung for more than a century. We are stewards of this unique piece of state and church history and are raising community funds to offset the cost of these repairs. To learn more about opportunities to sponsor a bell in honor or memory of a loved one, visit www.restorethebells.com.

This Week's Birthdays

- 4/8: Elizabeth Payne
- 4/9: Logan Siebold, Brinley Cantrell
- 4/11: Henry Willis

+ Call to Worship adapted from Ministry Matters, https://ministrymatters.com/2021-03-01_worship_elements_easter_2021/.