



Oaklette United Methodist Church

"God's Body in this Community"

"Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people."

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunrise Service

OPENING SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

We have come to encounter the risen Lord.

May our eyes adjust to the light of his resurrection.

We have come to worship the risen Lord.

May our hearts recognize him as the Savior of the world.

Mosser, David. The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2011 (p. 141). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

OPENING PRAYER (ALL)

We come to a tomb seeking Jesus. We come expecting a corpse, but instead we find a savior. We look to tend to a body, but we experience a miracle. Jesus Christ is alive! The Spirit of the living God meets us and calls us to new life, to new hope, and to a renewed belief. Not only do we receive the gift of the resurrected Christ, we also receive a challenge – to tell the world: Jesus Christ is alive and Jesus Christ is Lord. Hallelujah! Amen.

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HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#304 v. 1, 3, 4

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!

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!

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!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10, NIV

LESSON

"Might as Well Trust the Resurrection"

Rev. Ned Alderman

HYMN

"He Lives"

#310, vv. 1, 3

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today,
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus "Christ the King!"
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
none other is so loving so good and king.

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Sisters and brothers, having been raised with Christ, leave this place seeking the things that are above and setting your minds on things that are above. [John I. Essick]

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