



Easter Sunrise Worship

St. Thomas Reformed Church | April 5, 2026 6AM

Pastor Nate DeWard, Pastor Randy Weener

Music: Ras Abu, James Anderson, Shereé Haubrich, Randy Weener

Greeting: Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

Gathering Music: "Amazing Grace
(My Chains are Gone)" Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

(Chorus)

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God,
my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures *(chorus 2xs)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine

Call to Worship (From Luke 24:1-12)

Leader: At early dawn, the women came to the tomb, carrying what they thought they would need.

People: **But the stone had been rolled away.**

Leader: They expected death but encountered something they did not understand.

People: **The tomb was empty.**

Leader: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

People: **He is not here. He is risen!**

Leader: Remember what He told you—that the Son of Man must be delivered, crucified, and on the third day rise again.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Then let us worship the living Christ—

All: **who has overcome death and calls us into new life.**

***Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"** Charles Wesley

Jesus Christ 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!

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!

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!

Call to Confession (Luke 24:5-8) | Prayer of Confession

Song: "How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art"

Tomlin, Reeves, Cash and Hine

How great is our God Sing with me,
how great is our God And all will see
how great How great is our God

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
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Words of Assurance and Hope (From Colossians 3:3-4)

Leader: Hear the good news: "He is not here; He has risen."
(Luke 24:6) The same power that raised Jesus from the dead has defeated sin and broken its hold on us. (Romans 6:9) In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are set free, and we are made new.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song: **"Worth"** Anthony Brown

You thought I was worth saving
So You came and changed my life
You thought I was worth keeping
So You cleaned me up inside
You thought I was to die for
So You sacrificed Your life
So I could be free, so I could be whole, So I could tell
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Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3–9

Message "The Living Hope" Pastor Nate

Confession of Faith: (Based on Heidelberg Catechism)

Leader: What is our only comfort in life and in death?

People: That we are not our own but belong—body and soul
— to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Leader: And because we belong to Him—

People: We are no longer bound by sin or fear.

Leader: Because Christ is risen

People: We are walking in new life.

Leader: So we will not return to what tried to hold us

All: For we belong to Jesus, and we will live like we are free. Amen

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Offertory: "Because He Lives" Gaither

And because He lives,
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
and life is worth a living just because He lives

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Easter Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Song: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Sing

I have decided to follow Jesus (3xs)
No turning back, no turning back

The world behind me, the cross before me, (3xs)
No turning back, no turning back

Though none go with me, I still will follow (3xs)
No turning back, no turning back

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (3x's)
No turning back, no turning back.

*Benediction

The Sacrament of Baptisms