

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Paul Tobey

Passing of the Peace

One: Through webs and nets and wires, it googles and zooms to everyone whose heart needs peace, and to every place there is no peace. And we will share it now: the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

Prelude Were You There? (African-American Spiritual)

Dr. Daniel Becker, Clarinet

Dr. Greg Guenther, Baritone

Dr. Kyungsun Choi, Piano

Liturgy of the Lenten Candles

George Traviolia

The Light Returns!

Reader: The tomb is empty! The darkness is overcome!

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Reader: As the light returns, we rejoice in the hope of new life.

All: Lord, fill us with resurrection joy! Amen.

Call to Worship

George Traviolia

One: My dear friends, we come today carrying burdens, questions, and quiet hopes.

All: We come ready to rise into new life and renewed purpose.

One: The stone has been rolled away and fear no longer holds us.

All: We step forward in faith, trusting that hope is alive within us.

One: We are being invited into love that transforms and restores.

All: Together, we rise, we worship, and we give our hearts fully to God.

Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

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

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

Young at Heart

Sue Ellen Coltrin

Invocation

George Traviolia

**Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts as we gather, quiet our minds, and open us to your presence so we may receive truth, healing, and renewal.
Fill this space with your peace and awaken within us a deeper faith, a stronger love, and a willingness to rise into new life.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Savior's Prayer

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Our Creator, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Music 1. I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked (Geoffrey O'Hara)

Dr. Greg Guenther, Baritone
Dr. Kyungsun Choi, Piano

2. *Adagio* from Clarinet Concerto (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

Dr. Daniel Becker, Clarinet
Dr. Kyungsun Choi, Piano

3. I Lift Up Mine Eyes (Allen Pote)

Dr. Daniel Becker, Clarinet
Dr. Greg Guenther, Baritone
Dr. Kyungsun Choi, Piano

First Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

George Traviolia

Second Reading Luke 24:1-12

Sean Sosa

Message

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Communion

Rev. Carlos Sosa

**Invitation to the Offering
Offering Prayer**

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of new life rising within us and for the opportunity to give from hearts renewed by your love. Bless these offerings and use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to all who are in need. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn I Come to the Garden Alone

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**I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.**

**I'd stay in the garden with him,
though the night around me be falling;
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.**

Benediction

Rev. Carlos Sosa

Postlude You Raise Me Up (Rolf Lovland, arr. Roger Emerson)

Dr. Daniel Becker, Clarinet
Dr. Greg Guenther, Baritone
Dr. Kyungsun Choi, Piano