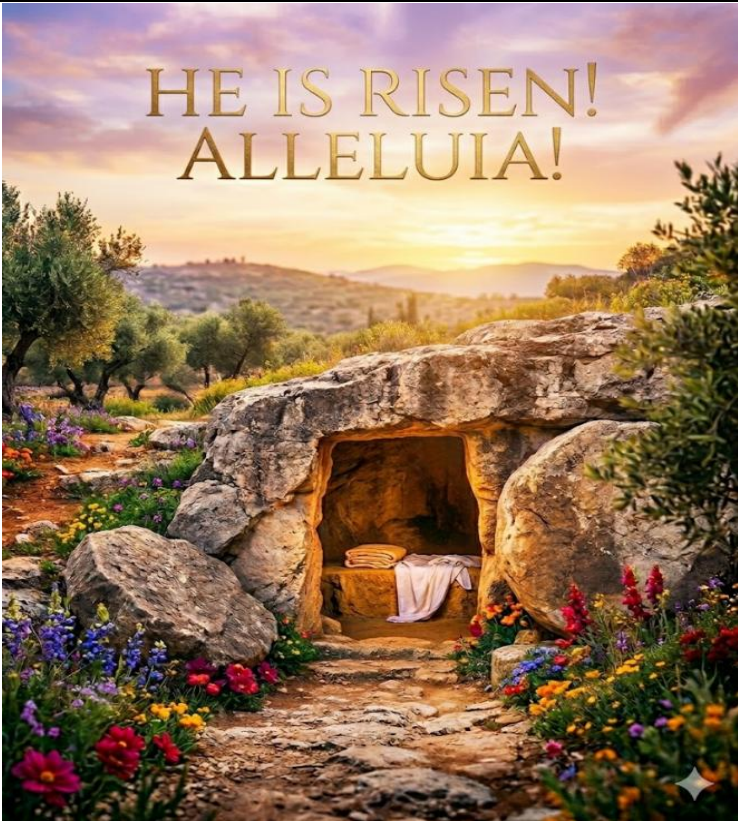


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# *Easter Morning*

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7:00 am Son-Rise Service  
April 5, 2026

Vale UMC & Community of Faith UMC  
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**United in faith, we seek to...**

*Align our lives with the way of Jesus Christ.*

*Invite others to journey with us.*

*Move beyond our walls to create a more just and loving world.*

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**He IS Risen!**

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**GATHERING**

*We gather as the people of God to be formed by God's grace.*

*\*Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**\*Call to Worship**

- One: All things will be made new!  
Many: And God's promises are sure.  
One: All the heavens and the earth.  
Many: All the seas and dry lands.  
One: All the stars and moons.  
Many: All have been made new!  
One: All the forests and the fields.  
Many: All the valleys and the mountains.  
One: All the rivers and the lakes.  
Many: All have been made new!  
One: All the fish and the corals.  
Many: All the birds and the beasts.  
One: All the worms and the insects.  
Many: All have been made new!  
One: God has turned brokenness into wholeness.  
Many: God has saved his people!  
One: Christ is risen!  
Many: He is risen indeed!

## **\*Hymn “Morning Has Broken”**

**UMH 145**

*Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning;  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God’s recreation of the new day!*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Many:** On this day, we overflow with thanks and praise, O God, you raised Jesus, who had been crucified, from the dead. Never again need we search for Jesus in the places of dead memories and buried dreams, for now he has been raised and goes forever ahead of us to open the gates of justice, preaching peace and the forgiveness of sins. Indeed though he was the stone rejected by the builders, you have made him the cornerstone, the rock on which is founded the life everlasting, the life that is hidden for us in Christ until it is revealed with Christ in glory. We thank you and we praise you O God, both now, and through your living word, eternally. Amen.

## **Youth Skit**

## The Fire of Release

### Prayer of Preparation

Many: Gracious God, you know what we carry in our hearts. The things we speak and the things we cannot name. As we enter this moment, give us courage to release what weighs us down and faith to trust that you receive it with love. Meet us here in this fire, not to condemn us, but to renew us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Meditation

#### \*Hymn

W&S 3104

#### “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

*Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am 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.  
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.  
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,*

The Sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

*As the music plays, you are invited to come forward, place your paper into the fire, and return quietly to your place in prayer.*

## **Prayer of Release**

**\*Hymn**

**UMH 322**

### **“Up from the Grave He Arose”**

*Low in the grace he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave he arose, with a  
mighty triumph o'er his foes; he  
arose a victor from the dark domain, and he  
lives forever, with his saints to reign. He  
arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave he arose, with a  
mighty triumph o'er his foes; he  
arose a victor from the dark domain, and he  
lives forever, with his saints to reign. He  
arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave he arose, with a  
mighty triumph o'er his foes; he  
arose a victor from the dark domain, and he  
lives forever, with his saints to reign. He  
arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

## **\*Easter Affirmation**

- One: There was darkness over the earth before creation:  
Many: **There is darkness in the womb before birth;**  
One: The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;  
Many: **There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.**  
One: But now Christ is risen!  
Many: **The dawn has come.**  
One: A new creation has commenced.  
Many: **The world born anew.**  
One: Christ is Risen.  
Many: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**  
One: Thanks be to God!  
Many: **ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

## **SENDING FORTH**

*Transformed by God's presence, we go into the world to serve.*

## **Benediction**

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All are invited to join us for fellowship and food in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship this morning.

# Regular Worship Schedule

## Services at Vale UMC

8:30 am Virtual Service  
10:00 am Traditional Service  
11:00 Coffee and Fellowship

## Services at Community of Faith UMC

10:00 am Sunday Service is offered in-person and livestreamed

For both congregations, a Children's message is offered during 10 am services and then children are invited to participate in Sunday school during the sermon time. Nursery is available for infants and toddlers.

*Thank you to everyone who helped support this morning's service: greeters, youth group, musicians, hospitality, laity and staff.*

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