

# Order of Worship

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

**Prelude** *Adoration* Florence Price

#### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

**Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you,**

The strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt.

**Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you.**

The cross has not defeated you, the grave has not kept you silent.

**Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you.**

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn 246** *Christ Is Alive!* *Truro*  
(verses 1-3 and 5)

#### Litany for Easter (Responsive)

You break in, O God, on the road;

**you break in, O God, exactly the way we don't believe;**  
you break in, O God, and change everything.

You break in, O God with a call;

**you break in, O God with an invitation;**  
you break in, O God with the truth.

You break in, O God with a new realm;

**You break in, O God with a new world;**  
You break in, O God with your intent for the future.

God, break in again and call us to be your workers;

**God, break in again and use the gifts we are to build your realm;**  
God, break in again and change our world once more.

### Word & Wonder – A Time for the Young & the Young at Heart

**Scripture Lesson** John 20:19-18 NT p. 115

**Sermon** The Never-Ending Story Rev. Christie Ashton

**\*Hymn 231** *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* *Suo Gan*

#### \*Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 238** *Thine Is The Glory* Judas Maccabeus

**\*Charge & Benediction** There! Do you see it? Just up ahead.  
The Lord is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Postlude** *Trumped Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke

## What's Happening at Hope?

**Spring Flowers:** Thank you to those who purchased spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you were unable (or forgot) to take your plants home after the service last Sunday, please do so this Sunday. If you would like to donate your plant(s) to be planted in our garden or if you need to make other arrangements to pick them up, please let Pastor Christie or the church office (office@hopehuntsville.org) know by tomorrow (Monday). After tomorrow, we will assume any remaining plants have been donated to our garden. .

## Church Calendar at a Glance

<b>April 19</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	NO Sunday School Worship Choir Practice
<b>April 26</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice

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### Prayer Family of the Week:

Our prayer family of the week is **Hiroko Hunnicut**. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Hiroko and her family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.

**Worship Leader for today:** George Youn

**Worship Leader Next Sunday:** Abigail Ashton

**The Elder on Call for April is Susan Terry** She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **256-975-9847**.

## Prayer Concerns

### Members:

Traci Loveman  
Holly Lowe  
Luanne Biles  
Andy Young  
Shelby Albert

### Family:

Kelley Waldron (Christie Ashton)  
Lys Howdle (Susan Terry)  
Parker Lord (Candy & Bob Lord)  
Marcia Loveman (Peter Loveman)  
Fred Jones (Bill Jones)

### Friends:

Luke & Crystal Allen (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)  
Margaret Bibb (Christie Ashton)  
Barbara Dennis  
Emily Loeb (Debbie Adsit)  
Suzanne Minga (Traci Loveman)  
Dr. Jon Wongsurawat (Traci Loveman)  
Bob Harriger (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)  
Melissa Altice (Angie Toles)  
Mary Neikirk (Angie Toles)

**Those serving in our military.**

**Those affected by natural disasters and war around the world.**

## Our Mission Statement

**Called by God's grace, we celebrate life with Hope by creating a loving Christian community, serving and worshipping God, and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**We provide an open environment to explore God's will, to grow in commitment to Christ, and to be a refuge of healing.**