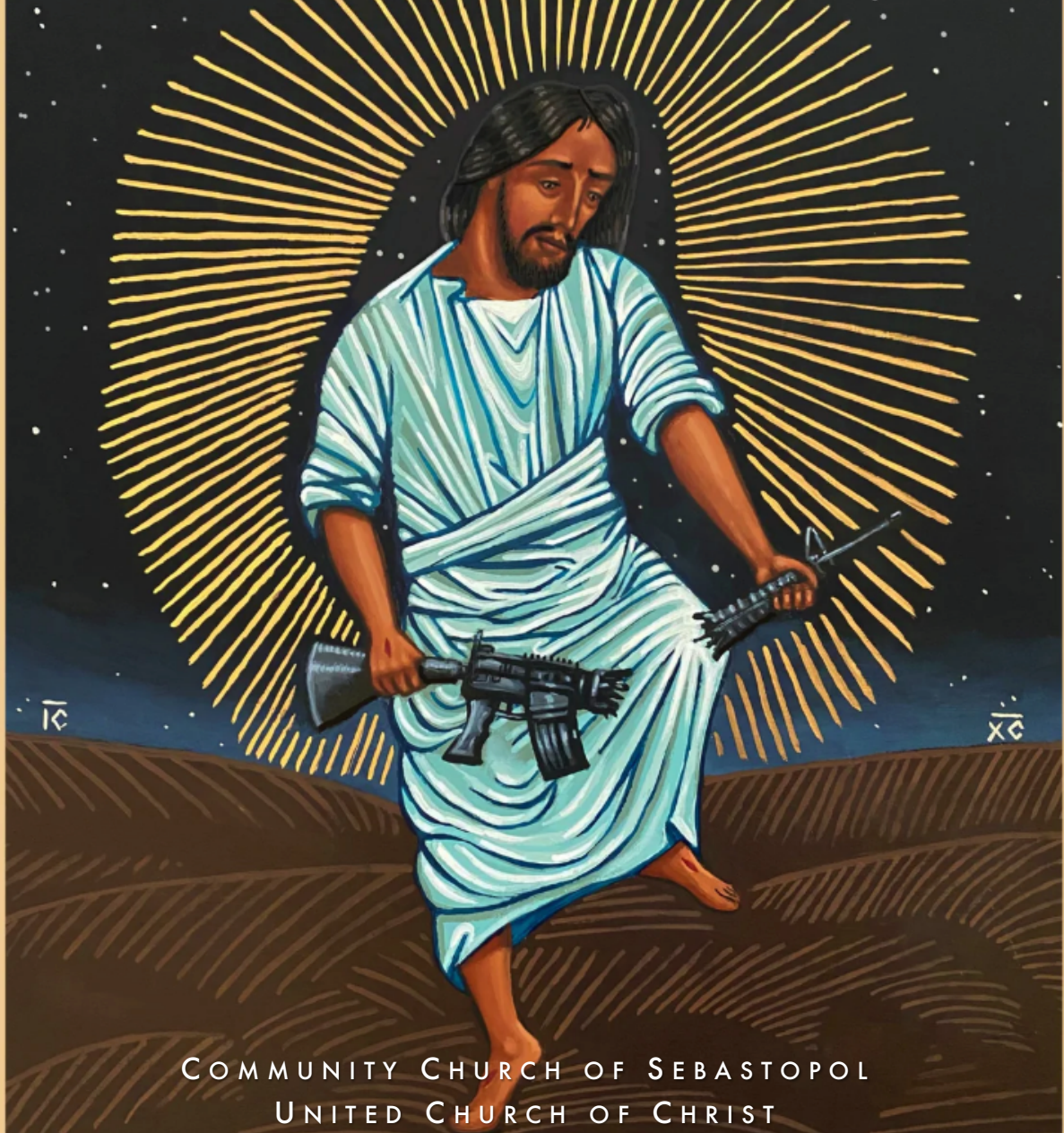


LITURGY OF THE WORD
APRIL 5, 2026 ☞ EASTER / RESURRECTION SUNDAY



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PIANO PRELUDE

Diademata

– George J. Elvey

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Hear the News This Easter Morn

– Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On Friday, the tomb was sealed. On Sunday, the stone rolled away.

Many: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: On Friday, men fled and women wept. On Sunday, their joy returned.

Many: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

One: On Friday, he cried out. On Sunday, he said, “Do not be afraid.”

Many: Alleluia. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

* OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Feasting on the Word

One: Crucified and risen One, we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promises, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger.

Many: When we are tempted to fear tyrants, when we are distracted by pettiness, when we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over violence and death... (silent prayer)

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Psalm 118:18

* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Matthew 28:1

CHILDREN’S PRAYER

ending with *The Lord’s Prayer*

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin’dom 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 kin’dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Sing Hosanna!

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HANDBELL ANTHEM	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	arr. Cathy Moglebust
GOSPEL READING	<i>Matthew 28: 1–10</i>	Pew Bible, NT, p. 33
SERMON	<i>Expecting Resurrection</i>	Pastor Benjamin
PIANO INTERLUDE	<i>W złobie leży</i>	Polish carol
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		Maria Culberson
CHORAL OFFERTORY	<i>Ukholo Lwami</i>	Trad. Zulu & Sotho
* DOXOLOGY		Tune: <i>Old Hundredth</i>
	<p>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God for all that Love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.</p>	
* PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Psalm 31:5
	<p>One: Faithful God, into your hands we commit our lives and these gifts. Many: Multiply them, that they might relieve suffering and increase justice in the world you came to fill with your presence. Amen.</p>	
PRAYER PRACTICE		Tirza Dawn
* CLOSING HYMN	<i>Thine Is the Glory</i>	#218
* BENEDICTION		
* RECESSIONAL	<i>When the Saints Go Marching In</i>	African American spiritual

Following worship, all are invited to Kinship Time in the Bell Tower Courtyard.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers	Steve Reid (Lead), Reena Burton & Ellen Jordan
Liturgists	Maria Culberson & Tirza Dawn
Preacher	Rev. Benjamin Broadbent
Keyboardist	J. Althea
Organist	Karna Roa
Worship Music	Chancel Choir & Handbell Ensemble
Ensemble Directors	Andy DelMonte & Karna Roa
Brass Ensemble	Jim Jenkins, Michael Ost & Brian Plaughter
Tech Team	Henry Allen & Eliana Curtis
Chancel Flowers	Kathy Matthies & Sanctuary Arts Team

STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent
Congregational Administrator	Joy Richards
Faith Formation Coordinator	Tirza Dawn
Choral Director	Andy DelMonte
Keyboardist	J. Althea
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Bookkeeper	Deanna Euritt
Custodian	Paul Loudon



Our mission is to worship God and share the love of Jesus Christ, teaching the message of Jesus to all ages and putting our faith into action.

An Open & Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ, we welcome and affirm people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, ethnicity, age, and gender identity and expression.

A Sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.

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