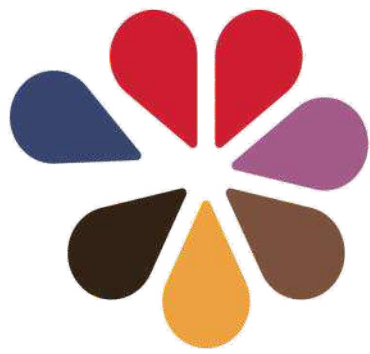
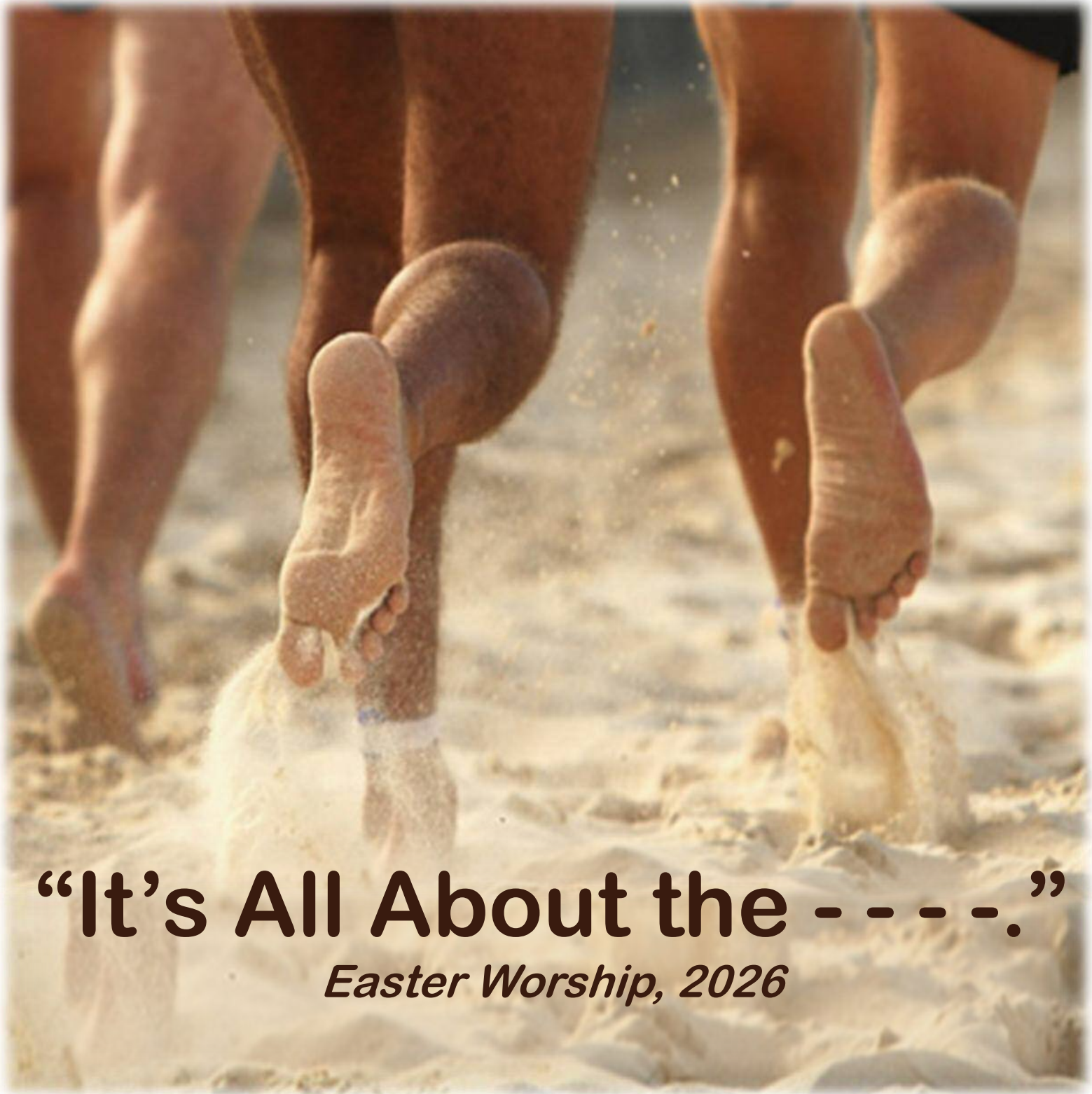




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“It’s All About the - - - .”

Easter Worship, 2026

Easter Sunday Worship

April 5th, 2026 11:00 AM

with the *Missa Paschalis*

By Jan Dismas Zelenka (1679-1745)

[Click Here to Worship Online](#)

*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Missa Paschalis

Kyrie eleison

Zelenka

"O God, be gracious unto us."

Words of Welcome

Rev. Kristina Hansen

Announcements

Sally Allison

Chime

*Call to Worship (ministrymatters.com, mod.)

One: This is a great and joyous festival day!
We come to celebrate amazing good news!

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: We gather to worship in awe and wonder!
The tomb is empty; death does not have the last word!

Many: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: Christ is Risen!

Many: Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**

‘Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God’s love, Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Christ, who slumbered in the grave, Alleluia!
Is exalted now to save! Alleluia!

3. “Jesus Christ is risen today,” Alleluia!
All creation, join to say! Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Text: Lyra Davidica, Charles Wesley, Michael Weisse

*Prayer of Invocation (FOTW Worship Companion, mod.)

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing.
You lift all things out of the dust,
you breathe love into every cell,
you call us into communion with you,
and you claim victory over death.

May we bless your holy name now and forever
as we pray the prayer Jesus’ taught us to pray together...

† Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Missa Paschalis

Christe eleison
“O Christ, be gracious unto us.”
Leah Rosenman, soloist

Zelenka

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God of all ages and of all people,
you know our grief and sorrow, our loss and tears, our fear and failure.

In your presence we find our comfort.

The shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed
by the light and color of Easter Sunday.

Help us on this day, O God, to burst out of the tombs that have entrapped us:
tombs of selfishness, of greed, of pride and of prejudice.

Let a new life of divine grace and human love burst forth from each of us,
through the power of the Risen Christ, in whose name we pray.

(A moment of silence is observed for listening and personal prayer.)

One: Dawn has broken; new life has sprung forth! In Christ is the fullness of
life. Come! Join in! Know that you are loved. Alleluia!

Many: We are covered by God's grace and mercy!

We are loved unconditionally! Alleluia! Amen.

Missa Paschalis

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Zelenka

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to all of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

We give thanks for your great glory."

Time with Young Disciples

Robin Sheikh

Missa Paschalis

Sanctus - Benedictus - Osanna

Zelenka

"Holy Holy, Holy, O God of all creation,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes to show forth your love.

Hosanna in the Highest."

Isa Apodaca, soloist

First Reading

Poem on Resurrection as Transformation

Macrina Wiederkehr

Easter's standing at your door again.

so don't you see the stone has got to go?

the stone of fear

of selfishness and pride

of greed and blindness

and all the other stones we use
to keep Jesus in the tomb.

So here's to rolling stones away
to give our Lord the chance He needs
to rise and touch
a troubled, lonely world.

Some call it *Resurrection*.
It's wild with wonder.
It's beautiful and real.
Intent on throwing life around
it touches and heals!

Yes, Easter, you can come
An angel of life I'll be.
I'll roll the stone away
and set you free.

Missa Paschalis	<i>Cum Sancto Spiritu—Amen</i>	Zelenka
<i>"And with the Holy Spirit, to the glory of our Creator God. Amen!"</i>		

Gospel Reading	John 20:1-18
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Sermon	It's All About The Dash!	Rev. Hansen
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*Hymn	Easter People, Raise Your Voices <i>(Music may be found on page 8.)</i>	REGENT SQUARE
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Joys and Concerns
Prayers for Healing and Justice

Invitation to the Offering

Missa Paschalis	<i>Et Resurrexit—Amen</i>	Zelenka
<i>"And on the third day he was raised, in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended to heaven and seated at God's right hand. He will come again in glory to know the living and the dead, And the rule of Love will have no end.</i>		

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of life, who proceeds from God and the Christ; who is worshiped and glorified together with them; and spoke through the Prophets. We believe in one church universal and acknowledge the gift of God's grace to all. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen."

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication (Rev. Karen Eiler)

**O God, we recognize that everything we have, and everything we are,
all comes from you. Bless the gifts we return to you. Use them, and use us,
to build and establish your reign on earth until Christ comes in glory. Amen.**

***Hymn**

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

(Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5. Music may be found on page 9.)

Benediction (Responsive)

PK: Christ is with us in this place!

Many: Alleluia!

PK: Christ goes with us into the world!

Many: Alleluia!

PK: Go now in peace! Be blessed! Be a blessing! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Missa Paschalis

Dona nobis pacem

Zelenka

"Grant us peace."

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

Thank you to...

Rev. Kristina Hansen
Liturgist: Sally Allison

Chancel Choir Members and Guests

Soprano: Cecelia Allchin*, Isa Apodaca, Heather Holmquest^,
Nicole Knickerbocker*, Mia Maurizio^, Lindsey Puc, Joan Sussman
Alto: Emma Brooksby^, Kathryn Borden^, Alyssa Koh, Leah Rosenman
Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Will Eby^, David Niemi^
Bass: Rob Brown, Bob Cowels^, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,
Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Jason Perfetto^, Sumner Tessier*
^guest singer *on temporary leave

Easter Chamber Orchestra

Ciara McGuire and Sophia Klin, violins
James Marshall and Angela Rubin, violas
Yu-Ping Wu, cello, Lindsey Joslin, bass
Lewis Painter and Samuel Suchta, oboes
Jarett Jean Jacques and Trevor King, trumpets
Aiden Hughes, timpani, Jason Cloen, organ

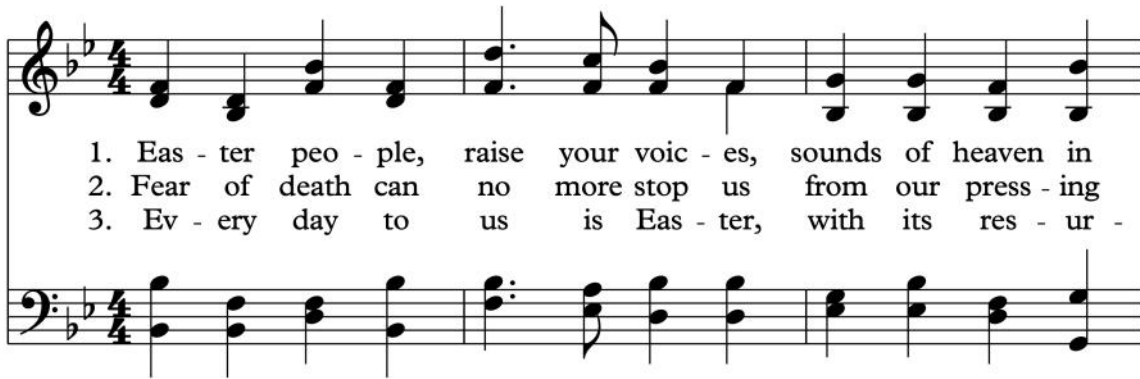


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Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304



1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -



earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er



heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

WORDS: William M. James, 1979

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE

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Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1995

MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

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TRURO

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He is Risen!



Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

- 9:30AM Choir Warm-up
- 10:45AM Nursery
- 11:00AM Worship—Rev. Hansen
- 12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 7

- 10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study
- 5:30PM Justice Team Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, April 8

- 3:00PM DEIB Mtg, Zoom

Thursday, April 9

- 5:00PM Finance Team Mtg, Zoom
- 7:30PM Property Team Mtg, Zoom

Sunday, April 12

- 9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
- 9:45AM Choir Warm-up
- 10:45AM Nursery
- 11:00AM Worship
- 11:15AM Sunday School
- 12:00PM Refreshments in Sanctuary
- 12:30PM Free Lunch Distribution

Welcome Visitors!

**We live into Jesus' inclusive call to love all people,
care for creation, and work for God's Justice.**

Nursery Care is available for young children beginning in the library and moving to C-23 on the second floor. Parents are welcome to come up with their children if they would like.

Sunday School - Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Our Youth" and then will follow their teacher to the Sunday School room.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online, you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the "T" (telephone) position.

† **We seek** to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

* **An asterisk indicates** "please rise in body or spirit."

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Joys and Concerns – If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request card (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person (s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the Deacons.

If you would like to honor someone or a special event with flowers you can purchase a bouquet (\$35) for a future worship service by contacting Deacon Helen Ganotis at <helenganotis@gmail.com>.

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Downtown United Presbyterian Church

*One Great Hour of Sharing
“In Memory of” and “To Honor”*



*Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026*

*A Donation to One Great Hour of Sharing
has been given...*

*In honor of the people of Ukraine who endured a
brutally cold winter, often without heat or light, and
in memory of those who did not survive.*

by Carol Snook

In memory of Dayle Bird.

by Helen Ganotis

In memory of Gene Wolfarth.

by the Wolfarth family

*In memory of Bette and Eddie Reed,
my loving parents.*

by Elaine Johnson

*In memory of our parents and grandparents—the
families Meeker, Cirasolo, LaBuc and Quinn.*

by Marie Gibson and Peggy Meeker

*In memory of the Rees guys: Jim, Aaron and Brian,
and my dear friend Judith Foster.*

by Mary Rees

*In memory of Robbie Brown and all
who have gone before.*

by Priscilla and Rob Brown

*A Donation to One Great Hour of Sharing
has been given...*

In memory of Joanne Poland.

by Becky and Jim Parks

***In memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard
Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Cross.***

by Joe and Jacque Hancock

***In memory and honor of Diane D. King, Florence
and Ed King, Eleanor and Paul Dickerson, and
Dayle Bird.***

by Sam King

***In memory of Charla E. Bolton, my identical twin
sister, who passed away October 18, 2024.***

by Grania Marcus

***In memory of my father, Randall Shultz, Sr.
and grandfather, Ralph Thomas***

by Robin Sheikh

***In memory of Helen Brown, Bob & Mildred Vesper,
and Michael Thomas.***

by Jim Vesper and Gray Brown

In memory of Ellie Richane Stauffer.

by Bob and Susan Richane

*A Donation to One Great Hour of Sharing
has been given...*

*In memory of Frances Ainley McDowell, Quincy and
Ruth McDowell, and Reginald and Catherine Ainley.
by David McDowell*

*In memory of my parents, Jack & Jean Lauder.
By Nancy Lauder Brown*

*In loving memory of D. Eugene Carter
and H. Gene Samuel.
by Carol Samuel*

*In honor of honor all the refugees and asylum-
seekers who are living in precarious circumstances.
by Gail Mott*

*In loving memory of my sister, Susan T. King, and my
father, Alfred C. (Jack) Allison Jr.
by Sally Allison*



There IS a Free Lunch!

A prepared, community take-away meal, including a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, chips, an apple, a juice box, and a cookie will be handed out on **Sunday, April 12**, following worship at DUPC. This free lunch will be staffed by volunteers from both **Third Presbyterian Church and DUPC**.



Would you like to help out with this joint community effort? **Volunteers** are needed, so check out the timeline below to see how you can help out!

Timeline

- April 8-10 - Shop for supplies
- April 11, 2PM - Pack lunches - Third/DUPC
- April 12, 12:30 -1:30 - Distribution at DUPC

(Perishable leftovers will be given to the Open Door Mission/Grace House. Non-perishable items will be kept for future use.)



Sunday Forums—April 2026

Caring for Creation: From the Grassroots

**From Last Resort Supplier to Providing a Foothold
April 12 on Fairness: Foodlink Challenges Inequity**

Presenter: Brandy Madera, Foodlink



Once distributors of surpluses, food banks across the U.S. have become community "first responders." When individuals and families lack consistent access to nutritious food, the effects extend far beyond hunger, influencing educational outcomes, work-force participation, and overall community well-being. This presentation will explore how food insecurity is intertwined with other disparities because food is foundational to building communities that are healthier, stronger, and more resilient.

**Community-Based Gardens and Farms:
April 19 Creating Local Capacity**

Presenter: Erin Turpin, RIT Program Specialist



From building community gardens at St. John's and St. Mark's Episcopal Church to introducing RIT students to Foodlink's Community Farm, Program Specialist Erin Turpin has been putting into practice her major in Sustainability and Sociology. Erin believes in nature-based learning and helping organizations understand and advance environmental justice and will share her knowledge with us.

**Repurposing Payphones for Community Benefit:
April 26 Updating Local Resources**

Presenter: Eric Kunsman, RIT Professor



Come learn about The Good Phone Project, and meet its founder, RIT Professor Eric Kunsman. What started as his photography series depicting old payphones, has evolved into a meaningful public-service effort to repurpose old payphones into free phones accessible for all. For communities in need, the Good Phones are intended to serve as a lifeline for individuals, and to ensure that all individuals have the opportunity to connect with one another and social services.

Sundays, 9:45AM—The Shaw Room