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**April 5, 2026**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Blessing of Food**

**Welcome:**

**Prelude:**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: This is the good news —  
the grave is empty,  
Christ is risen.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news —  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news —  
once we were no people,  
now we are God's people.

**All: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

**All: Hallelujah!**

**Come as a Child:**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

Leader: This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved:

**All: Christ died for our sins,  
was buried,  
was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell  
by the power of the Spirit.  
Christ is the head of the body, the church,  
and by the blood of the cross  
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

**Song of Faith:**

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:1-10

**Sermon: The First Day**

**Song of Faith:**

**Generosity Moment:**

**Prayer:**

**Musical Response:** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**Announcements:**

**Joys and Concerns:**

**Prayer Song:** *El Shaddai*

**Blessing of Food:**

**Prayer:**

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall short of your glory.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit,  
yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

**Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud,  
ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

**Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you,  
we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry.

**Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love,  
yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross,  
by your Spirit and through your word,  
transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Song of Faith:**

**Benediction:**

**Fellowship Time!**

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**Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of our community and the world.

**Vision:** To be a thriving Christ-led people in the East Mountains,  
inviting all generations to a transforming experience of God's Grace.

WORSHIP + CONNECT + GROW + SERVE

~ Paul Mizell memorial on Friday April 10 at 10am in the sanctuary and on zoom.

~ We are glad you are online with us today! Please register your attendance and your joys and concerns in the chat box.

~ We would like to pray for you! Prayer requests may be sent to our prayer chain at [prayer@mountainsidemethodist.org](mailto:prayer@mountainsidemethodist.org).



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