#### **COMMUNICATE YOUR CARE**

Please keep in prayer and reach out to our Members and Friends who are unable join us in person (prayer list is printed inside this bulletin).

#### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Worship – 10:45 a.m. every Sunday Bible Study: Alternating Sundays following Worship (Please phone in and leave message for a call-back)



Please visit our **Website** for listing of Recorded Sermons: click **VIDEO SERMONS** at bottom of Home page, or the **AV-MEDIA Tab** on the Menu Bar. For prayer dial 757-488-6075 or email us.



#### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

Church Council Chairperson	Mr. Philip Jones
Property Management	Mr. Martin Swain
Ministers	All the Members

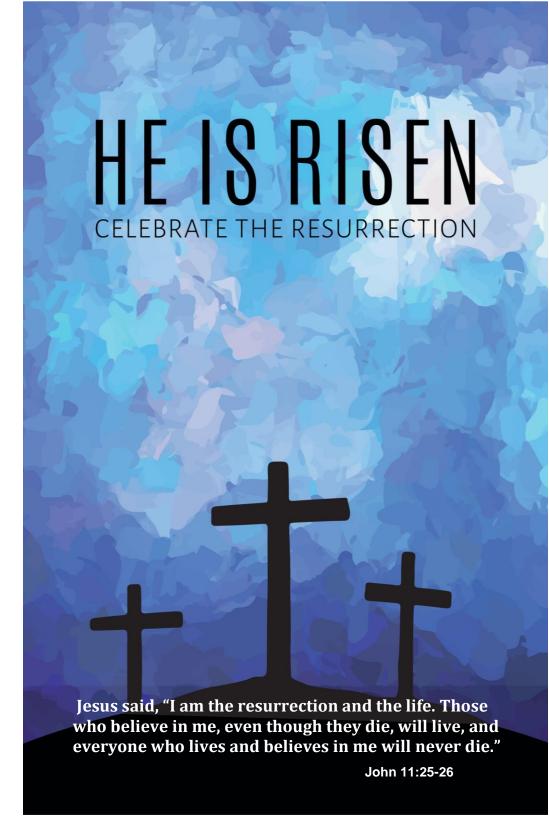


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Portsmouth United Church of Christ

# Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Rev. Tina Lewis, Minister

If you are able, please stand where indicated by the Dove sign, and please recite the **bold** text aloud.

# Order of Worship

Prelude Bryon
The Call to Worship Liturgist
∯ Hymn #292 "Behold the Lamb"
Welcome & AnnouncementsLiturgist
To Our Guests  Whether you are here for the first time, or you are a regular worshipper with us, we are delighted that you are here!  Please speak with an Usher if you have any needs.  And please come again.
Offering Our Gifts to God Liturgist
The Offertory (Music) Bryon
The Doxology #623 Old Hundredth

Holy Spirit, we are like young children as we hear again that Jesus Christ is risen. We believe the Easter Story without question. Your power is so great and so loving. Our hearts are filled with peace; our minds are expanded with understanding. Help us to share your power so that this offering is multiplied and brings relief to those needing to know you, the great "I AM."
1st ReadingGenesis 1:1-2 (NRSVUE and NKJV)Liturgist  This is the Word of God for the People of God;  Thanks be to God.
Special Music "Because He Lives"David Renfro
Sharing Our Joys & ConcernsRev. Tina
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