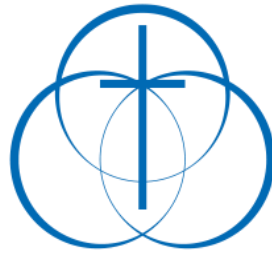


# *Circleville Church*

*of North Huntingdon, PA*



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Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

**Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Pastor**

**April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

***Our mission is to share Christ with the world through worship,  
service and witness.***

***Our Vision for 2026: “Be faithful. Open your mouth wide.  
Trust that God will fill it” — Psalm 81:10 (NKJV)***

## THE CONFIDENT DECLARATION OF THE DIVINE EXCHANGE

1. Jesus was punished...  
**... that I am forgiven. (Isaiah 53:5)**
2. Jesus was wounded...  
**... that I am healed. (Isaiah 53:5)**
3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness...  
**... that I have been made righteous with His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 3:9)**
4. Jesus died our death...  
**... that we share His life (Hebrews 2:9, John 10:10)**
5. Jesus was made a curse...  
**... that I have entered into spiritual blessings (Galatians 3:13)**
6. Jesus became poor on our behalf...  
**... that I have become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9, John 10:10)**
7. Jesus bore our shame...  
**... that I share His glory (Hebrews 12:2)**
8. Jesus endured our rejection...  
**... that I have His acceptance (Ephesians 1:5-6)**
9. Our old self died in Jesus...  
**... that I have become a new creation (Colossians 3:10)**

(\*Please stand, if able)

Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

**Easter Sunday**

Prelude... *“Up from the Grave”* by Lowry  
*“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”* by Sullivan  
*“Arise to Life”* by Broughton

Mary Jane Clark, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Nancy Goodish, Worship Leader

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Ringing of the Bells

\* The Call to Worship:

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen today.

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: Earth and heaven in chorus say:

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: Love’s redeeming work is done.

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ has opened paradise.

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Holy Invocation

Rev. Gloria A. Jun Pastor

\* Hymn of Praise #302 (Hymnal)

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

Prayers and Thanksgiving

Nancy Zerbe

(The Lord’s Prayer) **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.)**

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and our Offerings and ChangeForGood

The Offertory... *“A Song in Lent”* by Taylor

\* Offertory Response #95

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Invitation for Children #2233 (TFWS)

*“Where Children Belong”*

**This, this is where children belong.**

**Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.**

**Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song**

**This is where children belong.**

Children’s Message...Saddleback Kids’ Videos

Special Music... *“Crown of Thorns”*

Women’s Ensemble

Scripture...John 20:1-18 (NIV)

Nancy Goodish, Worship Leader

Message... *“Remain with Him – Don’t Walk Away”*

Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Pastor

\* Hymn of Invitation...#3168 (Worship & Song, green book) *“Come to the Table of Grace”*

Holy Communion

\* Closing Hymn #666 (Hymnal)

*“Shalom to You”*

\* Postlude... *“A Chorale”* by Kihlken

<b>Ongoing Prayer Needs:</b>	<b>Greg Clark</b>	
<b>Kathy Irey</b>	<b>Cora Jean Qualey</b>	
<b>Jane Jancisin</b>	<b>Jessie Roycroft</b>	
<b>Joyce &amp; Rick Frischolz</b>		

**Attendance last Sunday:** 9:30 a.m., 64; Sunday School, 13

**Homebound:** Mr. Glenn Neubert, 714 Ellsworth Ave., Jeannette, PA 15644

**Birthdays:** **April 5**, Marshall Gorr & Aidan Pierce; **April 7**, Doug Dempsey & Larry Foscoe; **April 9**, Julianna Gabany

**Received March 29, 2026**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 3,469.32</b>	<b>\$ 3,501.00</b>	<b>+\$ 31.68</b>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$ 45,101.16</b>	<b>\$ 35,695.00</b>	<b>-\$ 9,406.16</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>\$ 385.00</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>-\$ 140.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>\$ 5,005.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,396.00</b>	<b>-\$ 2,609.00</b>

**For the month of March**, the ChangeForGood was for Busia, Kenya. We collected a total of \$430.77. Thank you to everyone who donated.

### This Week:

Sunday	Easter Sunday -Hallelujah! He has risen! No Sunday School Communion ChangeForGood for April will be for Yong Kramer's daughter who had a house fire.
Monday	Prayer Group, 6:30 p.m. Dartball is away playing Norwin Alliance, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Bible Reading Group, 10:00 a.m. AA, 8:00 p.m.

### Looking Ahead:

April 12	Friends and Family Sunday
April 15	Head Start will be using the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.
April 19	Hoagie orders are due. See order form in the bulletin.
April 21	Church Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 26	Delivery of hoagies
April 30	Girl Scouts, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

### Notes of Interest:

**Please Note:** We will be locking the front door around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you need to leave and come back in, please let someone know so they can open the door for you.

**The April newsletter** is available on the gift table in the narthex. Please sign your name when you take your copy.

**Old Testament Bible reading** started Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Jun encourages the congregation to join. If you are unable to come to class, please read the Bible at home following the Old Testament Chronological Reading Plan (40 weeks) that was listed in the March newsletter on pages 2 and 3.

**Our Daily Bread** for March, April & May is available in the rack by the Greeter's stand.

## Sermon Notes for April 5, 2026

### John 20:1-18 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Reflection Questions:**

1. **Who do you relate to most in this passage—Peter, John, or Mary Magdalene? Why?**  
What does that reveal about your current relationship with Jesus?
  
2. **What does it mean in your life to “stay” with Jesus like Mary did?**  
Are there moments when you tend to “leave” too quickly
  
3. **Have you ever experienced a moment when staying longer in prayer or seeking God led to a deeper encounter?**  
What happened?
  
4. **What are some distractions or challenges that keep you from remaining with Jesus?**  
How can you overcome them?
  
5. **How can your love for Jesus grow deeper in a practical way this week:**  
What is one specific action you can take?

## Sermon Summary (Mar. 29, 2026) – Rev. Gloria Jun

### “God is My Defender: Stand Firm!”

**Isaiah 50:7-9 (NIV), It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.**

This message reminds us that the Sovereign Lord is always with us—helping, strengthening, and defending His people. Just as Jesus entered Jerusalem with unwavering confidence in the Father, even knowing the suffering ahead, we are called to trust God in every situation.

Because God helps us, we do not need to fear. He knows us deeply, walks with us through our struggles, and will not let us be put to shame. Even when we face difficulties, we can stand firm in faith, knowing that God Himself vindicates us.

Our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces. Yet we do not fight for victory—we fight from victory, because Christ has already overcome through the cross. The enemy may appear powerful, but his power is limited and ultimately defeated.

As we reflect during this season, we are encouraged to follow Jesus’ example: to remain steadfast, to pray, and to trust fully in God’s sovereignty.

#### **Key Truths:**

- The Sovereign Lord helps us
- The Sovereign Lord will not let us be ashamed
- The Sovereign Lord vindicates us

#### **Call to Action:**

Stand firm in faith. Trust in God’s help. Live in the victory that Christ has already won.

**Prayer of Declaration:** We will stand firm.

Because of Christ: We are not defeated. We are not abandoned. We are not condemned.

We are helped. We are upheld. We are victorious. Amen.

## Message of Salvation

*Are you saved?*

*Are you confident that you would go to heaven if you died at this moment?*

*Here is the good news for you.*

### **Everyone dies because of sin, and after that ...**

You will die someday because of sin. You cannot avoid death, and death is not the end, but the beginning of an eternal life. What's important is where and how you will live eternally. With eternal happiness in heaven or eternal suffering in hell? If you deal with your sin, you can enter heaven and live there eternally. How?

### **Jesus Christ has redeemed your sin.**

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world and bore the cross shedding his blood to redeem your sin and triumphed in his resurrection. Through his sacrifice, Christ paid off your sin and purchased a place for you in heaven, which he offers as a free gift.

### **If you want for your sins to be forgiven and to be saved ...**

1. Accept Christ's invitation by repenting your sins by asking,  
"Lord, I repent of all my sins. Please forgive all of my iniquities I have committed and lead me to your kingdom."
2. Confess, "Jesus Christ is my Savior," by praying,  
"Lord, I confess that You are my Savior who can deliver me from the eternal damnation of sin and death. Come into my heart and be my master for my entire life."
3. Rejoice, you are forgiven and given an eternal life without condemnation.
4. Congratulations! You become a child of God and a citizen of Heaven.

### **What's next?**

1. Read the Bible, the Word of God, in which you will find Truth and Peace.
2. Join a local church where you will grow in faith.
3. Do good works as much as you can. Sharing God's love for others is a form of worship.

If you, having read this, trusted Jesus for eternal salvation, please let us know. We would like to help you to grow spiritually.

Please contact Pastor Gloria Jun at 724-864-1581 or 410-302-4477.

# REJOICE IN THE MIRACLE OF



# EASTER!

**Easter is the time of sunshine,  
For all dark must flee away,  
Christ has burst the bands of evil,  
Turned sin's dark night to righteous day.**

**Thank you God for life and gladness,  
Bursting leaf and sap-filled spring,  
Waving tendril, spiky grass blade,  
Hope and joy in every twig.**

**Nature joins with all God's children,  
As they praise and laud His Name,  
Christ is risen, death is vanquished,  
**VICTORY**, let all proclaim,**

*I Know that My Redeemer*  
**LIVES!**