



La Mesa First United Methodist Church

April 5, 2026

Pronouncement	Christ is Risen! All: Christ is Risen, Indeed!	Audrey Benjamin
Prelude	<i>God So Loved the World</i> Paul Rosas, Organ Jan Burt, Piano	Stainer Smith Hustad
Scripture	Matthew 28:1-10	Audrey Benjamin
Call To Worship	<p style="text-align: right;">Audrey Benjamin</p> <p>This is the day the powers said would never come. But the tomb is empty. This is the day fear said was the end. But love would not stay buried. This is the day the stone was rolled away — and everything changed. Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!</p>	
Opening Hymn and Procession	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i> Chancel Choir and Congregation Christopher Wilson, Trumpet	UMH 302 V 1, 2, 4 & 5
~ Greeter Darrell Henderson~		
Welcome and Greeting	Rev. Christian DeMent	
Children's Moment	Rev. Christian DeMent	
Choir Anthem	<i>Canticle for Easter Day</i> Chancel Choir Duncan Matthew, Director Christopher Wilson, Trumpet	P. Drennan
Curious Faith: Exploring Together	Rev. Christian DeMent	
Prayers for the World	Rev. Christian DeMent	

Invitation to Offering		Audrey Benjamin
Offertory	<i>Graves Into Gardens</i> Brittany Hicks, Vocalist Valerie Sachs, Accompanist Christopher Wilson, Trumpet	T. Hammer S. Furtick C. J. Brown B. Lake
Offertory Prayer		Audrey Benjamin
Scripture	Matthew 28:11-20 All Respond: Thanks be to God!	Audrey Benjamin
Sermon	<i>Nobody Saw This Coming</i> Rev. Christian DeMent	
Communion		
The Lord's Prayer		UMH 895
Benediction		Rev. Christian DeMent
Closing Hymn	<i>Christ is Alive</i>	UMH 318 V 1-3 & 5
Benediction		Rev. Christian DeMent
Postlude	<i>All Hail the Power</i> Paul Rosas, Organ Jan Burt, Piano	J. Raney

Lyrics to Congregational Part in Choir Anthem

(To the tune of Beethoven's *Ode To Joy*)

Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heav'nly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory
From the brightness of Thy face;
That with hearts in heaven dwelling,
We on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered
And be ever, Lord, with Thee.



This week's newsletter

*It was a joy to worship together this morning!
Next week, let's do it again in person at 9:30 am;
on Facebook or YouTube for the Livestream;
or either of those channels to view a
recording on your own schedule.
Check our e-newsletter for more information
or go to lamesaumc.com.*



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La Mesa First United Methodist Church gathers on the original homeland of the Kumeyaay people. We confess and regret the harm and displacement endured by Indigenous peoples and seek God's redeeming grace to guide us toward justice and healing. We give thanks for our Kumeyaay ancestors, elders and descendants who have cared for this land with wisdom and resilience. As recipients of grace, we commit ourselves to deeper connection, reconciliation and love.
Emaay 'ehad kumwa'aayp – Let us Pray.