

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) | Hymnal, pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying:
By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS, DEBTORS)

SENDING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Peace I Leave With You" | Amy Cheney

† **DOXOLOGY (592)**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

† **CLOSING HYMN**

"The Day of Resurrection" | No. 118

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Where you see the †, please stand if you are able.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Sermon | Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

Liturgist | Alison File

Music Director | Mark Brooks

Audio/Streaming Technician | Claudia Droste

Ushers | Nancy & Mike Wilson

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Welcome to
**First
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Church of
Alton**

Sunday Worship Bulletin
April 12, 2026



CHURCH OFFICE

4th & Alby Streets

618-465-3592

Office Hours Mon-Fri

9:00-1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 Bible Study

Library

10:00 Worship

Sanctuary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Soup's On
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday Bible Study
10:00 am | *Library*

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm | *Music Room*

Saturday Café
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

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Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega,
the Lord who was and is and is to come.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

† OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" | No. 113

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, casting all our anxiety on the Lord, who cares for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him the glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God of all grace, who call us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

The Peace | Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

† GLORIA PATRI (579)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 | *Pg. 119 (Pew Bible)*
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

No. 165 (Hymnal)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1: 3-9 | *Pg. 232 (Pew Bible)*
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20: 19-31 | *Pg. 115 (Pew Bible)*
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon | *Pastor Ian Edward Caveny*

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight" | No. 399