

## WELCOME TO VENICE CHURCH!

We are so glad you could join us today.

Are you new to our church?

Would you like to find out more about us?

If so, complete the **Welcome Card** located  
inside the **pew book rack** and drop it into  
the **offering plate or box** in main entryway.

We can't wait to connect with you!



### Sunday Schedule

**9:00 am**—Sunday School

**10:00 am**—Morning Worship

Morning Worship Services are streamed live on Facebook  
and later added to our YouTube channel.



**April 20, 2025 – 8:30am Worship Service**

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### Our Purpose Statement

We exist to:  
Glorify God.

Grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Go into the community to serve and guide others toward salvation.



## Venice Presbyterian Church

### Worship to the Glory of God

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*\*If you are able, please stand.*

**Prelude**.....*Brady Branthoover*

#### Resurrection Drama

*“I Have Seen the Lord” .....Venice Youth*

SALOME: *Alanna Bevin*.....MARY MAGDELINE: *Aislinn Connors*

MARY, Mother of Jesus: *Amber Browett*.....ANGEL: *Jace Yetsick*

PETER: *Eli Wright*..JOHN: *Dylan Herbst*...JESUS: *Brandon Yetsick*

#### Welcome

##### \*Call to Worship

**Leader:** This is the good news - the grave is empty;  
Christ is risen.

**People:** Hallelujah!

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

**People:** Hallelujah!

**Leader:** This is the good news - once we were no people;  
now we are God’s people.

**People:** Hallelujah!

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

**People:** Hallelujah! He is risen!

**\*Hymn**      *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” .....#217*  
*“Because He Lives (Amen)” .....on screen*

**Prayer of Confession** —adapted from Rev. Scott A. Ressman

Risen Lord, we confess that we, like the disciples and followers, give up on hope so easily. We give up on the expectation that you will do something incredible. We forget the promises of God, even those whispered to us moments before. We want proof before we will believe and proof before we will be faithful. Forgive us for our disbelief—for seeing an empty tomb and thinking it is a cruel trick, for discovering a discarded burial cloth and still holding on to death, for hearing words of life but choosing to keep them to ourselves. Restore us, even in our unbelief, to follow you. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

**Special Music** *“I Will Rise” .....Amber Browett,*  
*Aislinn Connors, Grace Lesko*

#### Scripture Readings

Old Testament      Psalm 16:5 – 11.....Pew Bible Pg. 535

New Testament      John 20:1 – 18.....Pew Bible Pg. 1077

**Sermon**      *“The Life That Came From a Tomb.”*

#### Membership of Jim Gillespie

#### Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

##### \*Doxology and Offertory Prayer

**\*Hymn**      *“In Christ Alone” .....words on screen*

##### \*Benediction

Leading us in this morning’s worship:  
Pastor: Patrick Keeley & Elder: Aaron Ostrowski,  
Music Director Erin Connors & Choir,  
Accompanist: Stefanie Patterson,  
Greeters: Mackenzie Day & Owen Ostrowski