



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today is Easter Sunday

**PRELUDE** .....Organ | Greg Lowther

### GATHERING

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

**Paschal Greeting** .....Pastor Melissa Lowther

*Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*

**Luke 24:1-8** .....Rachel Moury

*Crown Him With Many Crowns (#89)*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering** .....*We Welcome Glad Easter* | Children's Choir

### HEARING THE WORD

**Sermon** .....Pastor David Flowers

### RESPONDING

*O Praise The Name (Anástasis)*

**Baptisms**

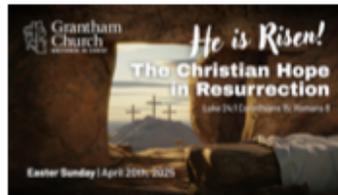
*King Of Kings*

### SENDING

**Benediction** .....*Hallelujah Chorus* | Choir

**POSTLUDE** .....Organ and Brass

## SERMON [granthamchurch.org/sermons](http://granthamchurch.org/sermons)



### The Christian Hope in Resurrection

LUKE 24:1-49  
ROMANS 8:1-39  
1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-58

After his brutal death by crucifixion, Jesus was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures. His resurrection changed everything! And while there are many reasons to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, our main concern this Easter is to consider what the resurrection means for us in the present and for the future. Let's open our hearts and minds up to the mystery and wonder of the empty tomb as Pastor David invites us to fully embrace the Christian hope in resurrection.

### Peace Sunday April 27

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sixteenth century Anabaptist movement. The Brethren in Christ Church started with Anabaptists in Lancaster County who had experienced a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit in the late 1700s. Therefore, on Peace Sunday 2025, we are celebrating the beginnings of Anabaptism, its core beliefs and theological convictions, its call to radical discipleship, and its potential as a much-needed renewal movement within American Christianity.

Please join us as we focus on Anabaptism: *The Way of Peace* and highlight the need for the Brethren in Christ U.S. to own our original stream, for such a time as this. For more information and details: <https://granthamchurch.org/peace-social-justice/>

### WANT TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

If you are interested in joining with others to share life and dive deeper into the sermon and what it means for our lives, go to our website to learn more about getting connected ([granthamchurch.org/small-groups](http://granthamchurch.org/small-groups)).

### SERMON RESOURCES [granthamchurch.org/sermons](http://granthamchurch.org/sermons)

Sermons are posted online every Monday along with small group discussion questions and other sermon resources (e.g. sermon slides, sermon audio, service video, etc.).

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## EVENTS [granthamchurch.org/events](http://granthamchurch.org/events)



### THIS WEEK

Office Closure .....MON, APR 21  
Grandmothers in Prayer .....THUR, APR 24, 9:30AM  
Men's Bible Study .....FRI, APR 25, 6:45AM

### NEXT SUNDAY Apr 27

Peace Sunday Learning Community .....9AM  
Children's Learning Communities .....9AM  
Children's Choir .....10-10:20AM  
Peace Sunday Service .....10:30AM  
Kids Own Worship .....11AM  
Fellowship Meal .....after service  
Spring Reporting Council .....after service  
Youth Group .....6PM

### SAVE THE DATE

Moms Together .....WED, MAY 7, 9:30-11AM  
Child & Baby Dedication .....SUN, JUN 15, 10:30AM  
Vacation Bible School .....MON-FRI, JUN 16-20, 9AM-NOON

## STAFF [granthamchurch.org/staff](http://granthamchurch.org/staff)

David Flowers .....senior pastor  
Melissa Lowther .....discipleship pastor  
David Perry .....worship arts pastor  
Denise Fogelsanger .....children's pastor  
Chrissy Hoffner .....youth coordinator  
Linda Worman .....office administrator  
Derek Boyce .....director of operations  
Cate Lewis .....communications  
Mike Ryan .....head custodian

## GIVING, ATTENDANCE, & VIEWS

### GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$279,744  
Year to Date Giving \$250,049

### LAST WEEK

Giving \$15,362  
Attendance 376  
Livestream 137



### Krystal Rooduijn

I searched for a church home for decades. I was baptized in both my parents' AME and my grandparents' Baptist Church in childhood. Neither were my choice and more social instead of an expression of my faith.

When I was invited to one of the creek baptisms several years ago, I felt the desire to attend the church service first. One last time I thought, really let go and let God this time. The moment I entered the sanctuary was amazing. My journey since then has taken some twists and turns AND yet, I'm still here. Thank you, each and every one of you for holding me up when often I could barely crawl. Finally, I'm home.



### Adelaide Young

I'm excited to share with you the journey of my life through Christ. I always believed that the Lord saved me, and I would go to heaven. But I never really dug deep into my relationship with God. The last couple years the Lord has really spoken to me, and I have been growing in my relationship with Him. One way I have gotten closer to Jesus is through dance. I spend most of my week at dance

practice, aside from school, and it provides me with a loving community and a space where I am free to let go. I use that time to release everything I am feeling and bring it all back to God.

Also, I've been to Harvey Cedars which really changed my life around. Harvey Cedars is a beach camp where you dig deep into your connection with the Lord, and it helped me to stay guided on His path. Not only did this camp change my perspective, but it also encouraged me to be mindful of the people I'm around day to day. I am so fortunate to have a loving friend group to keep my mind right though many life struggles. I am excited to stay grounded in my faith and look forward to growing in it.



### Addisyn Cole

I am Addisyn Cole and I'm 7 years old in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. My favorite thing to do is play with my friends outside.

I want to be baptized because I love Jesus. I love that He helps whenever we need help. I want to be baptized so everyone knows how much I love Jesus. I love Jesus and want Him to live in my heart.

I see Jesus all around me when He helps me. My favorite way to worship God is to pray. I know He hears my prayers. I pray to have good days, and He helps me have good days.

I don't have a favorite Bible verse because they are all my favorite.



### Ada Rhoads

As I look back over my life, I recognize how God has brought me through many challenges (illnesses, surgeries, etc.), and also he has blessed me in many ways. Special blessings are my family. Over the years I have been part of and active in many denominations. I was baptized as an

infant. My mother took us to church and Sunday School and encouraged Bible study. It took me a long time to think of God as a good and loving Father, because my earthly father was not patient and was sometimes harsh and demanding.

When it became apparent to me that my current church denomination was straying away from Biblical teaching, I felt compelled to seek a Jesus-loving, Bible-teaching church. This search led me to Grantham BIC, where I feel as if God wants me to be part of the congregation, including being baptized as an adult, and continue to grow and become more like Jesus in thought, word, and deeds.