Additional Easter Services

8:15 A.M., Chapel Service
@ Asbury Chapel

10:15 A.M., Sanctuary Service
@ Asbury Sanctuary

(After the Sanctuary Service, join us for Fellowship in the Rotunda, where Easter cookies will be served.)

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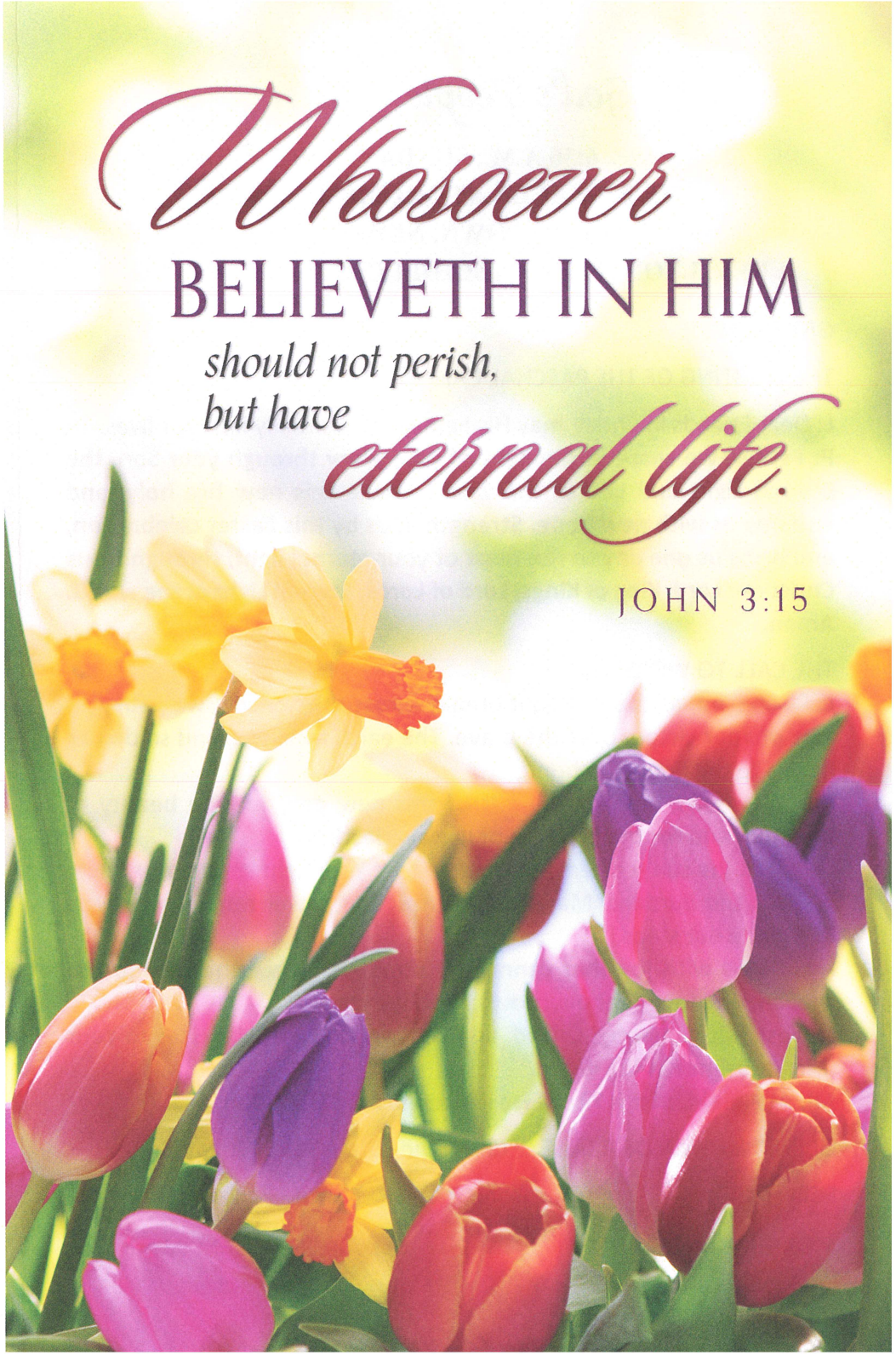

God's People Gather

SUNRISE, 6:36 A.M., SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026
THE PINNACLE AT THOMPSON PARK
WATERTOWN, NEW YORK
REV. LEON ("TOBY") SCHILLING IS PREACHING

GATHERING

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

L: Dear Friends in Christ, may His light shine eternally into our lives.
P: Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the Eternal Light and Life of the world. Make this new fire holy, and enflame us with new hope. Strengthen us by this Easter celebration, and bring us one day to the feast of your eternal light, through Jesus Christ our Lord, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Eternal Light of the world. Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Risen Lord, as the first light breaks across the horizon, we gather in awe of Your victory over the grave. The earth awakens, and so do our hearts to the hope You bring.
All: We praise You for the gift of this new day, for the beauty of creation, and for the promise of life everlasting.
L: Just as the sun scatters the shadows, let Your light scatter our fears, doubts, and burdens. May Your resurrection power renew our spirits and guide our steps.
All: Fill us with joy that cannot be dimmed, peace that cannot be shaken, and love that overflows to all we meet.
L: Bless this gathering, O God, and send us forth as witnesses to Your living presence in the world.
All: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18

MORNING MEDITATION

CLOSING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection"

COMMISSIONING
L: My sisters and brothers, today we have celebrated the glorious mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.
P: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus is alive. Alleluia!
L: Today, we look to the future—the new dawn of Eastertide.
All: Let us go to live as people bathed in the light of the resurrection. Alleluia!
L: Today we remember the day when creation was made new when God showed humanity its destiny.
All: Let us go as people living in the knowledge that through the triumph of Jesus over sin and death we live! Amen!

THE BENEDICTION
L: The tomb is empty! Christ is risen! As you journey in faith, may your life be full, your love be abundant, and your hope be eternal. Live this day and always for Christ Jesus because the Risen Christ lives in you.
All: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
L: Go now in peace and love and serve your Lord!

Thank you for joining us this morning, on this very special Easter morning. We hope that you will now consider sharing some fellowship with us as well.