

Flowers in worship today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her father, Charles Ashworth, by Karen Lambert.

Please pray for church members, their friends and families

Church Family

Vic Aloisio	Amber Smith	John Konsowitz	Sheila Fraser-Derfler
Dot Gallagher	Brianna O'Rouke	Keith Walisch	Jan Urban

WELCOME to worship at Level Creek UMC!

We are glad you are here. Restrooms are located out the doors to the right of the front altar. Devices for the hearing impaired can be requested from any usher. Worship activity bags are available for children who stay in worship and a loving nursery is always provided. Children's Sunday School is offered during the 11:00 am worship hour.

Easter photos! We have a special photo area set up in front of the Family Life Center. Be sure to stop by and take an Easter picture.

Mission Sunday is next Sunday (April 12). Come serve with us as we pack 14,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. This is a FUN mission event for ALL AGES. A nursery will be available for children 3 and under. We'll gather in the OFLC at 10:00 a.m. **This will be in place of regular worship services.** For more info, visit www.riseagainsthunger.org.

Road Clean-Up. It's time to pick-up litter on our adopted portion of Suwanee Dam Road. This service project is great for all ages. Meet at the church on Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 am and bring a pair of gloves. Let's help keep Suwanee beautiful! RSVP at www.lcumc.net.

Kid-Free Dinner Club will meet on Friday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. Parents are invited to dinner at a local restaurant while children enjoy a fun evening at church. RSVP at www.lcumc.net.

Food Drive. We continue collecting items for the North Gwinnett Co-Op. Current needs: spaghetti noodles, canned pineapple & mandarin oranges. Thank you for your generosity.

Student Ministry (6-12th grades) will not meet tonight due to Easter, but be sure to join us next Sunday, April 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for dinner and activities.

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! VBS 2026 will be Sunday, June 14 – Wednesday, Jun 17 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm and children will eat dinner together here at church. Our theme this year is Rainforest Falls and we're excited for kids to learn about who God is through a jungle adventure. Register at www.lcumc.net.

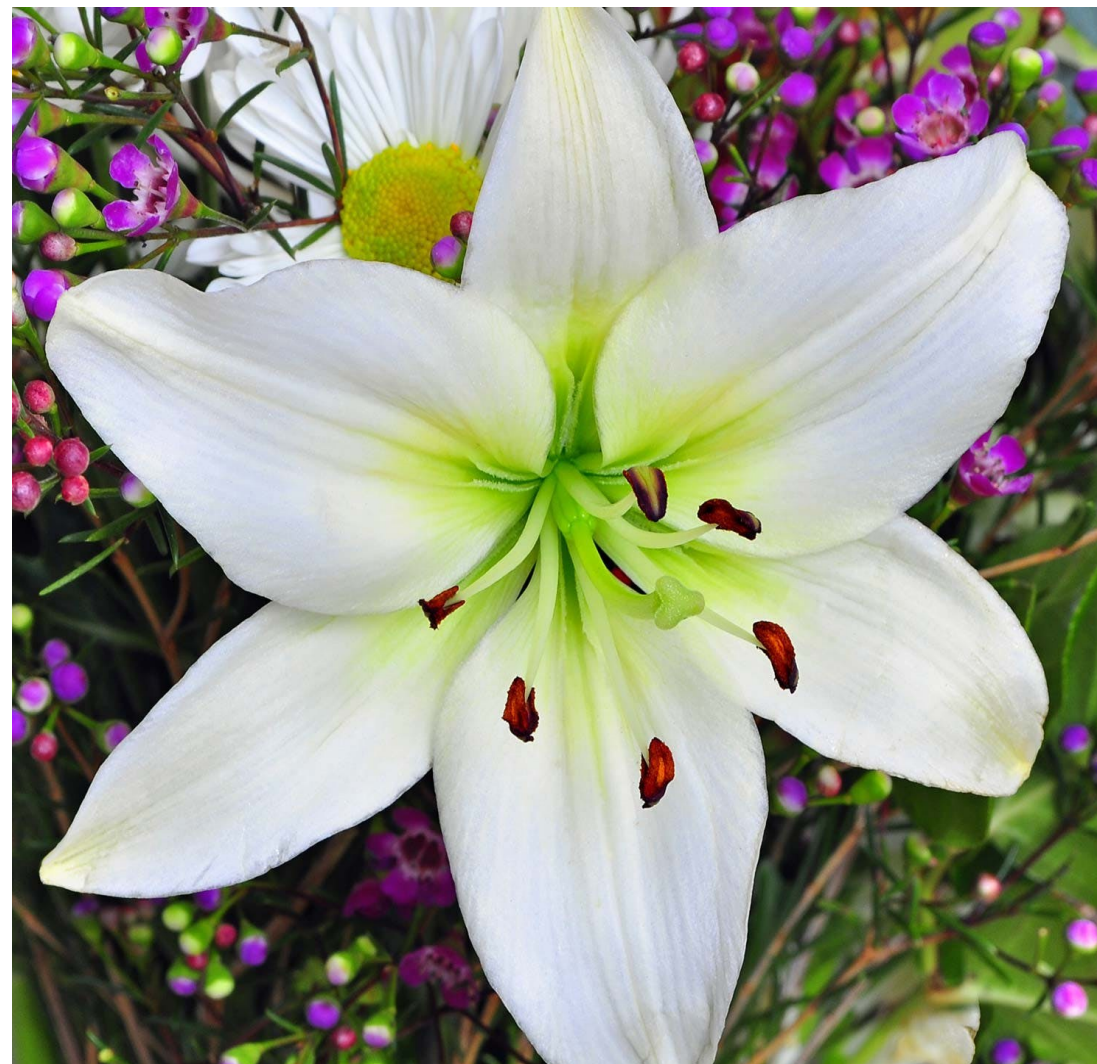
Save the Date for Future Fun!

- **Annual Church Picnic** on Saturday, May 16 at 12:00 p.m. at Settles Bridge Park in Suwanee.
- **Gwinnett Stripers Baseball Game** on Friday, July 24 at 7:05 pm.

Electronic Giving. To make a financial gift to Level Creek UMC, text any dollar amount to 770-637-8941. You will receive a link to enter your card information.

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Welcome!

**We welcome you to Easter Worship
at Level Creek United Methodist Church.**

Our prayer is that you will meet God
in the beauty of this worship service and in the people around you.

Worship with us on Sunday mornings:
Worship: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.
Youth Ministry: Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 p.m.
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Order of Worship

**Level Creek UMC | April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday**

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Elaine Wilder

Entrance of the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**People: But not today!
Today we know that love has won.
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.**

Leader: We have a reason to hope.

People: We have a reason to sing!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Special Music

"He Lives Medley"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

What does new life look like?

Rev. Elaine Wilder

*Response to the Word

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise;
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

*Benediction

Rev. Elaine Wilder

*Recessional

"Halle, Halle"
Halle, halle, halle—lujah!
Halle, halle, halle—lujah!
Halle, halle, halle—lujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! (Repeat)

Thank you to our guest musicians for making Easter Worship special:

Chelsea Shankles, violin

Shay Kelly, violin

Cameron McCombe, viola

Lauren McCombe, cello

Ella McCombe, bass

Jackson Mobley, drums

***Hymn of Praise**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

UMH 302

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
 Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
 Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
 Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
 Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
 Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
 Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
 Made like him, like him, we rise, Alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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"Ode to Joy"

String Ensemble

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Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who trespass against us;
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering***Hymn**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMW 327 (vs 1, 2, 4)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his Throne.
 Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
 Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
 And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
 His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high.
 Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
 Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

***Scripture Lesson**

John 20:1-20

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

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