



*THE MARGATE COMMUNITY  
CHURCH*

*8900 Ventnor Avenue*

*Margate, New Jersey 08402*



*2026  
Easter  
Flower  
Celebrations*

## *Easter Sunday . . .*

### *Altar Flowers:*

*Happy Easter to our Church family  
and friends ~ from Nancy Young*

### *The Chancel Step Arrangements:*

- ♦ *In loving memory of wife, brother,  
sisters and parents~ from Tom  
Erickson*

### *The Piano Arrangement:*

*In loving memory of our parents  
Julius and Victoria Sheppard and  
Milton and Doris Ney ~ from Pastor  
Vicky and Richard Ney*

## *Easter Flowers are Given . . .*

- \* *Ten are given in loving memory of  
family and friends ~ from Jo-Ann  
Schmitt DiJohn*
- \* *Six are given to the Glory and Honor  
of God for this splendid holiday ~  
from Betty Nathanson*
- \* *In memory of my brother John ~  
love Howard Applegate*
- \* *In memory of Alice Payne ~ love  
Howard Applegate*
- \* *In memory of our parents Charles  
and Bunny Tolson, Sylvia and  
Marino Bertini ~ from Rich Tolson  
and Sonya Bertini*
- \* *In memory of my parents Gaetano  
and Doris DeRitis ~ from son  
Thomas*
- \* *In hope of Peace, Peace & Peace ~  
from Rev. David and Sharon  
Fleming*
- \* *In memory of my stepfather Leon  
Susalla ~ from Jennifer Barr*



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*Easter Sunday*

**10 O'clock in the Morning April 5, 2026**

*"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies." Kate McGahan*

*Please silence cell phones.*

**The Prelude**

**The Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**The Call to Worship**

**Nancy Young**

Leader: Sing praise to God this Easter morning.

People: *Once there was sadness, now we are clothed with Easter joy.*

Leader: Once there was mourning, now we can rejoice.

People: *Once there were tears and fears, now laughter has returned with songs of praise.*

Leader: God has rolled away the stone of despair, and placed hope in our hearts.

People: *We are gathered in God's presence to rejoice in God's love.*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**\*Choral Introit: "Hymn for Easter Day" John Ness Beck**

**Hymn: # 302 Christ the Lord is Risen Today [vs 1-4]**

Enjoy the Choral Introit and then Rob will let you know when to stand and sing

*\* Indicates standing for those who are able*

**MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**INTERDENOMINATIONAL - ECUMENICAL**  
**"A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE"**  
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**Office Hours: Monday - Friday; 9 am - 3 pm**  
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*Founded in 1929, MCC is an interdenominational congregation with membership in the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. Through these affiliations our church participates in a seniors residence at 610 N. Fredericksburg Avenue and is a Covenant church with Habitat for Humanity. We are lifetime members of the Holocaust Resource Center, Stockton University.*

Reverend Victoria Ney, Pastor

Rob Tucker, Director of Music

Colin Walker, Pianist

Carmella Marcheski, Administrative Assistant

Betty Nathanson, Director of Christian Education

Scott Chaffin, Sexton

Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist

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*www.margatecommunitychurch.com*

*Our Greeters this week 4/5/26*

*John & Brenda Taube*

**Deacons' April Communion Offering**

Our April Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for Salvation Army.

Please be generous in supporting the Deacons as they support those in need.

† **PRAYER LIST** †

SAY A PRAYER

SEND A CARD

NURSING /CONVALESCENT HOME/REHAB FACILITY

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Pleasantville, NJ 08232

**Ken Heck** Seashore Gardens / Atlas  
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Galloway, NJ 08205

AT HOME

**David McCann** Carl Ekstrom Kay Lee

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Prayer Requests

*We are happy to include names of hospitalized persons or others with special concerns in the liturgy of prayer each Sunday. If you wish to have a name included, please provide us with a first name, the length of time requested to be on our prayer list, and the name of the person requesting the prayer. Thank you.*

*If you would like to make a donation to the  
Margate Community Church  
please scan our  
QR Code Here:*



**The Prayer (Unison)**

*God of power and might, we stand before the empty tomb with awe, pondering your love that is stronger than death. Once again, you have surprised us with the faithfulness of your love. We are blessed by your goodness to us. Our hearts are filled with praise for your constant care for us, for the possibilities of Easter touching us with new hope, and for the glimpses of peace and the signs of healing that you bring with the resurrection promise. Bless us and lift us again with the Easter promise. God of surprises and joy, fill our voices with songs of praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior. Amen.*

**Bell Choir: Thine is the Glory**

**Time with the Children**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe in a God who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope.*

*We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility.*

*We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry, who touches us through song and silence, who calls us by name to walk with him on our path of life.*

*We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tomblike safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully.*

*We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who practice kindness, encourage beauty, and work for justice and freedom.*

*We believe we are Easter people, a sign that with God all things are possible. We rejoice this Easter morning that nothing will ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**The Offering**

**Anthem: Christ Is Alive**

**Ben Fong, Trumpet**

