



Our Worship of God

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 10:30am

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+ *This symbol invites you to rise in body as you are able, or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour Julia Matthews

Welcome and Life of the Church Krissi Vandagriff

Gathering Prayer

Voluntary **When in Our Music God is Glorified** Julia Matthews
arr. Anna Laura Page

*How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
So has the Church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!*

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible Lucy & Riley Lawson

+ Opening Sentences (from Psalm 95:1, 7) Mark & Lucy Lawson

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
Come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

+ Hymn 701 **God Is Here** BEECHER

The Ordinance of Baptism Matt Vandagriff

The Baptisms of Carolyn Vandagriff and Helen Mae Vandagriff

Hear the pledge of your family of faith:
We rejoice with you! We will pray for you.
We will walk with you in the way of Jesus
until the day when He shall bring us all home.

Hymn 758

Baptized in Water

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Call to Confession

Tara Crane

We remember our own baptisms where we were claimed as children of the covenant and beloved of God.

Yet we live as those who are alienated from God.

We have turned away from God, one another and the earth.

Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God.

We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory.

Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel — and of Jesus' solidarity in his own baptism by John with all who have been immersed in baptismal waters, repenting of their sin. In his name, God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own.

Thanks be to God

+ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+ Hymn

All Are Welcome

TWO OAKS

See Back

Meditation

Go Down, Moses

Young Musicians

Negro Spiritual | arr. Frances L. Callahan

"Go Down, Moses" was the first Spiritual to be published and to gain national (i.e., white) popularity...The dual meaning of the text is not mysterious. Like "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel", it is rooted in the slaves' conviction that, if those enslaved in Egypt could be freed, so could they. Individuals are referenced in this Spiritual, as well. Because of her numerous trips back South, enabling a great number of slaves to be free, Harriet Tubman referred to the South as the "land of Egypt" and she herself was often called "the Moses of her people." According to James Lovell, Bishop Francis Asbury, British-American Methodist minister, was also referred to as "Moses" by those who knew him.

--In Their Own Words: Slave Life and the Power of Spirituals by Eileen Guenther

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Jerry & Linda Medlock

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

+ Hymn 130

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Offertory Prayer

Kyle Damron

Offering and Offertory

Amazing Grace Young Musicians & Youth Singers
Traditional American Melody | Words by John Newton
Arranged with Additional Words and Music by Rollo Dilworth

+ Hymn

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow.
Praise Christ all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God whom we adore.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Choral Blessing

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Choir

Benediction

Matt Vandagriff

Postlude

Sent Forth by God's Blessing
arr. John A. Behnke

Julia Matthews

The flowers today are provided by Kirkwood Baptist Church in honor of Mark and Ginny Lawson as we give thanks for their four decades of faithful service, ministry, and friendship. We send them forth with our love, prayers, and blessings as they begin a new chapter in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Worship Leaders

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All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Tune: TWO CAES, ♯ 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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