



Our Worship of God

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026 10:30am

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

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| Chiming of the Hour | Julia Matthews |
| Welcome and Life of the Church | Krissi Vandagriff |
| Gathering Prayer | |
| Voluntary | Fantasy on "King's Weston" (At the Name of Jesus) Chancel Ringers Fred Gramann |
| Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening of the Bible | Eli and Noah Murch |

+ Opening Sentences (from Psalm 30)

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death and brought us into new life.

Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.

In genuine, mutual love, let us worship with one heart and one voice.

In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!

+ Hymn 254 **Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven** ODE TO JOY

Call to Confession Chris Jeep

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst.

We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions.

Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction.

Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, that they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord who met Saul with mercy did not leave him in darkness.
Through grace, his sight was restored.
Through grace, his life was changed.
Through grace, he was sent into the world
as a witness to the love of Christ.
Friends, this same grace is given to us.
**In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven,
our lives are renewed,
and we are called into the light.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

+ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+ Hymn 356

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Stanzas 1, 2, 3

Meditation

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Youth Ringers

arr. Susan E. Geschke

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.
The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

+ Hymn 356

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Stanza 4

Prayers of the People

Kim Willis

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Choral Music

Here I Am, Lord
Daniel L. Schutte | arr. Ovid Young

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-19a

Alton Lacey

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

+ Hymn 562

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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Offering and Offertory

The Walk
arr. Hart Morris

Chancel Ringers

+ Hymn 356

All Creatures of Our God and King
Stanza 5

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

+ Hymn 539

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Stanzas 1 & 2

HOUSTON

Benediction

Matt Vandagriff

Postlude

Sinfonia
J.S. Bach

Julia Matthews

Thank You & "Until We Meet Again"

Celebrating Four Decades of
Faithful Service and the Friendship of

Mark and Ginny Lawson

Everyone is invited to join us as we give thanks for Mark and Ginny Lawson's four decades of faithful service, ministry, and friendship at Kirkwood Baptist Church, and as we send them forth with our love, prayers, and blessings as they begin a new chapter in Charlotte, North Carolina.

This will be a come-and-go reception, with hors d'oeuvres and sweets served. We hope you will stop by to share your gratitude, memories, and warm wishes with Mark and Ginny.

Hosted by the Sanctuary Choir and Chancel Ringers.



Wednesday,
April 22
6:00–7:30 p.m.
Great Hall

Coming Up in the Life of KBC


KBC YOUTH PRESENT

PLAYHOUSE PASTA

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 2026
5:00PM

TICKETS ARE \$10 PER PERSON OR \$25 PER FAMILY (5 MAX)
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QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING AND LUNCH


SUNDAY, APRIL 26
LUNCH 11:30
MEETING 12:00



REGISTER FOR LUNCH BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

The Sanctuary Flowers today are given by Troy and Mary Gordon in memory of their fathers, Donivan Gordon and David Rogers.






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Whether you are worshipping with us online or in-person, welcome! We are happy you are here. If you are interested in becoming a member of Kirkwood Baptist Church, or if you have questions about the church, we encourage you to go to www.kirkwoodbaptist.org where you might find some answers. **Additionally, you can find answers to questions or register for events by emailing twright@kirkwoodbaptist.org or calling 314-965-2349.**

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