



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Third Sunday of Eastertide

April 19, 2026

10:45am

Centering Words

Easter invites us to be ready to meet Christ,
anywhere, at any time, in anyone.

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Bish/Forrest

Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 55:1-6)

Chad Hartsock

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

The Lord has made with you an everlasting covenant.

Listen diligently to him,
and hear that your soul may live.

Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near.

Let us worship the Lord together.

Baptismal Affirmation

Micah/Madi, we share in your joy today. Your profession of “Jesus is Lord” has joined you to this congregation and to the global Body of Christ throughout history. May your baptism today live in your heart and memory as you continue your journey of molding your life to Christ’s example, the building up of the church, and the care of God’s creation. We pledge to you our love, support, and encouragement as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

Offering of Praise

Great Are You Lord

Leonard/Ingram/Jordan

Ian Miller, vocal; Cameron Rowlett, acoustic;

Melanie Simpson, piano

You give life; You are love;

You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope; You restore every heart that is broken;
and great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs,

so we pour out our praise;

we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs,

so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise;
our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,

great are You, Lord.

(REPEAT)

(Children, meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study.)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 133:1-3

Glenna Kramer

How very good and pleasant it is

when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,

running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron,

running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,

which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing,

life forevermore.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

***Hymn of Unity (see insert)**

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

Haugen

Pastoral Prayer

Chad Hartsock

Prayer Response 392

Open Our Eyes

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Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sarah Dunn

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to

Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn of Eastertide 203**

Day of Arising

BUNESSAN

Offertory Prayer

Edward Treadway

Offertory

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

arr. Callahan

***Response of Thanksgiving (307 tune)**

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Praise God whose mercies never cease;
Praise Christ the Dawn, our Easter peace!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Spirit, making all things new;
One God, we sing our thanks to you!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Musical Offering

I Am the Bread of Life

Lole

Worship Ensemble

I am the Bread of life,
he who comes to me will not hunger;
and he who believes in me shall never thirst.

I am the Bread of life,
he who comes to me will not hunger;
and he who believes in me shall never thirst.

I have come down from heaven,
not to do my own will,
but the will of Him who sent me.

I am the Bread of life,
he who comes to me will not hunger;
and he who believes in me shall never thirst;
and he who believes in me shall never thirst.

Sermon

Eating Life

Major Treadway

Time of Reflection and Response

Before the Throne of God

arr. Kingsmore

***Hymn of Declaration of Faith 20**

He Is Lord

HE IS LORD

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, April 19

- 12:00pm Lunch/Church Ministries Mtg./Fellowship Hall
5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, April 20

- 6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, April 21

- 1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, April 22

- 4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor
5:00pm WNS (Barbecue)/Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Music Makers/Room 103
6:00pm Common Prayer and Bible Study/Choir Suite
6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Choir Suite

Thursday, April 23

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, April 24-Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4,12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke: 24:13-35

Readings for Next Sunday:

Exodus 4:10-13
Psalm 23
2 Corinthians 12:8-10
John 10:1-10

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