



April 19, 2026—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

Let's remember that Jesus didn't leave Thomas to suffer without the blessing of faith and confidence; he gave him the evidence he required. That is typical of Jesus's approach to doubt; he responded to honest doubters in the way he knew best, the way that would help them to move from doubt to knowledge.
Dallas Willard, "The Allure of Gentleness: Defending the Faith in the Manner of Jesus"

Prelude *The Strife Is O'er* arr. Roy W. Brunner

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

Call to Worship Acts 2:24-28

God raised [Jesus] up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

Time of Silent Prayer

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymns of Praise

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth her song begin;
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
Invisible and visible, their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

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* Please stand if you are able.

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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Sacrament of Baptism (9:45)

Gabriela Rose Vincoli

Daughter of Chris and Lara Vincoli

Baptized by TE Andy Lewis, assisted by RE Jerel Warren

Maximus Erik Hillman, Brooks Thomas Hillman

Sons of Chris and Courtney Hillman

Baptized by TE Andy Lewis, assisted by RE Jamie Lightcap

New Testament Reading

John 20:24-29

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Choral Meditation

Where Can I Go?

Where can I go? Where can I go? Where can I go from You?

O Lord, You've searched and known my ways; You trace my paths, You count my days.
If I ascend unto the heavens, You are there, You are there.

Even before my voice is heard, You read each thought, You know each word,
And surely darkness cannot hide me, You are there.

Where can I go, O Lord, from You? If I should flee, You would pursue.
Though I should take the wings of morning, I am known, I am known.

Within the womb You formed my frame. You saw my face, You know my name.
Your hands have woven me together, I am known, I am known, I am known!

All-knowing Lord, You test my heart; You search out ev'ry inward part.
Where can I go except to You, Lord? You alone.

Where can I go? Where can I go? You are there. You are there.

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LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Song of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path.
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

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Generosity Update

Pastoral Prayer

LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Coming of a King

Andy Lewis

*Song of Response

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart,
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your word to me,
Through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life, that's dependent on your grace,
Keep my heart and guard my soul, from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your Name through me.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Jason Yon, Local Outreach and Mercy Director

May Elective— Finding Peace: A Christian Perspective on Anxiety

Anxiety can be overwhelming, but it's often a signal—not the core problem. In this class, we'll explore what anxiety really is, how it shows up in everyday life as well as clinical struggles like panic, OCD, trauma, and more—and how our modern, overloaded lives can make it worse. We'll also talk about the power of emotional honesty, the role of community, and how the gospel offers us real peace, not just coping. Come learn practical tools, gain insight, and experience grace-filled encouragement. Led by Jonathan Kittel, LPC/S, LMFT/S, this class will meet in the Learning Commons May 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 9:45am.

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