

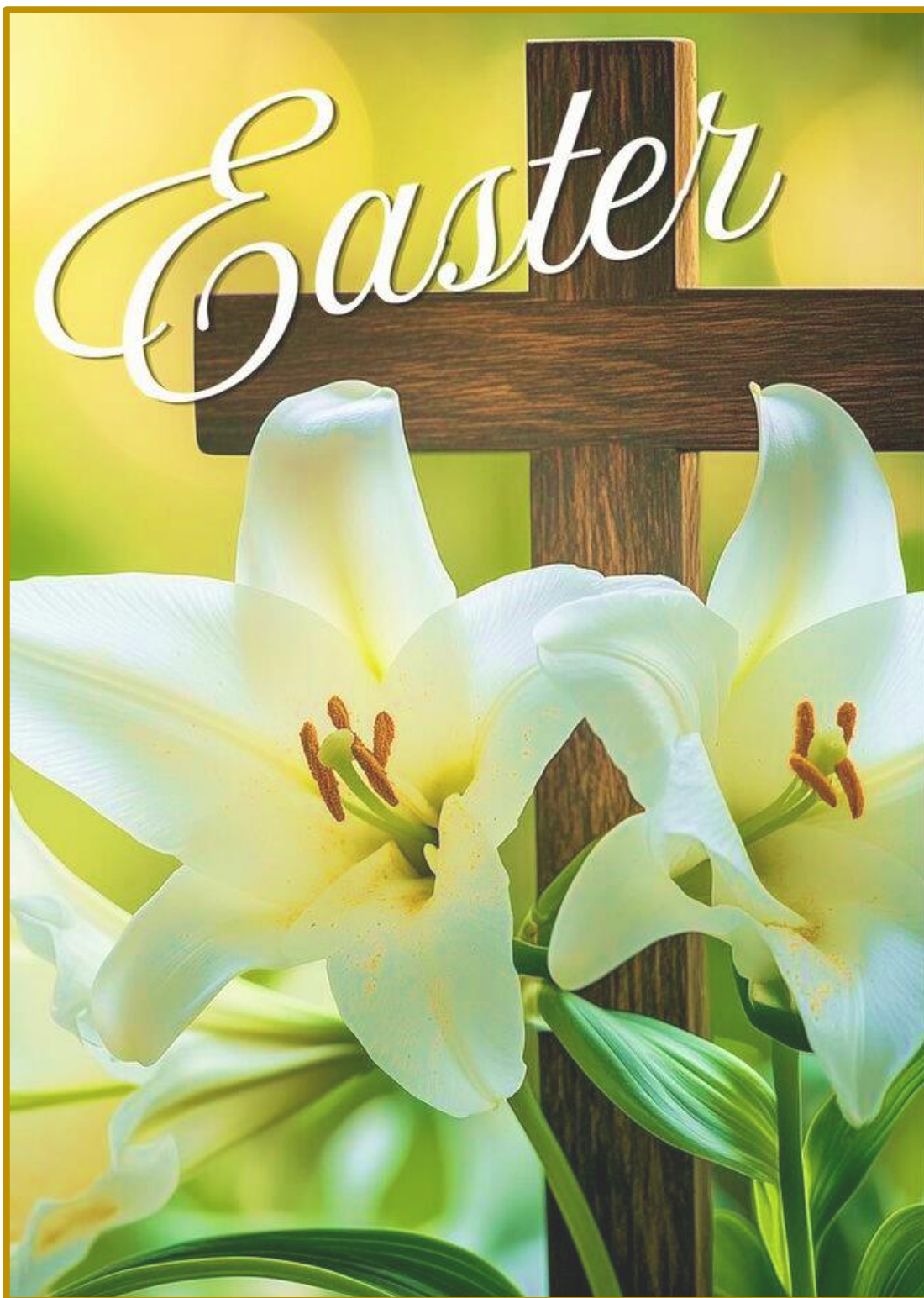
Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING SONGS

This is the Day
LPC Speech Choir

This is the day this is the day
That the Lord hath made, That the Lord hath made
We will rejoice we will rejoice
And be glad in it and be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord hath made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day this is the day
That the Lord hath made

This is the day this is the day
When He rose again when He rose again
I will rejoice I will rejoice
And be glad in it and be glad in it
This is the day when He rose again
I will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day this is the day
When He rose again

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah
Hannah Mazur, Soprano

G. F. Handel

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Tom Vermilya

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of joy and life and promise,

People: We come to you this day to celebrate the renewal of life in the joys of Easter.

Leader: May our joy fill our days,

People: And may the resurrection of Jesus Christ inspire us for works of love and peace.

Leader: May we be renewed in our Easter worship and sing songs of praise and thanksgiving.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

1) Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2) Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3) But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4) Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, you bring life out of dead ends, and hope in the midst of despair. Forgive us for doubting that you are still at work even in the darkest hour, even in the most painful moments. Forgive us for our hesitant action, our cautious compassion, our too-frequent reluctance. Redeeming God, teach us a stillness that leads us to acts of kindness and clarity of vision. Shape in us a trust that leads to faithful witness and bold compassion. Form us in your love that loosens our worry and eases our anger. Make us true disciples filled with love, acting with justice, and living out hope. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, amen.

THE ACT OF OFFERING

March Mega Drive Recognition and Celebration

OFFERTORY

Thank You for Saving Me
LPC Praise Team

Martin Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

Brian Mitchell

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 27: 62-66; 28:1-10

SERMON

Easter Message

Rev. Joy Laughridge

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1) Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2) Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

3) Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED IN SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World
LPC Chancel Choir

Stainer

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

1) "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2) Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3) Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4) Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Duty Elders for April

David Sheffield
Paul Chrisman
Kat Bossuot

Liturgist:

Tom Vermilya

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music and Organist

Joshua L. Mazur

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance March 29, 2026

In Person: 118; 1st Time: 0; Online: 39

Those who donated **Easter Lillies** for today's service are encouraged to take the flowers home.



Upcoming Events

April 5, Sunday

- 10:00 am – Easter Service – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol Adult Sunday School
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Benz Hall

April 6, Monday

- LPC and LPC Closed for Easter Monday
- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm – SERVE Ministry – Session Rm.

April 7, Tuesday

- 10:00 am – PW Coordination Team – Coleman Rm.
- 6:00 pm – CELEBRATION Ministry – Session Rm.
- 7:00 pm – CARE Ministry – Benz Hall
- 7:00 pm – LEARN Ministry – via Zoom

April 8, Wednesday

- 1:15 pm – LPC Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – LPC Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

April 10, Friday

- 10:00 am – Vintage Players – Youth Hut
- 6:00 pm – Women in Recovery – Youth Hut

April 11, Saturday

- 9:00 am – LPC Bag Ladies – Benz Hall

April 12, Sunday

- 10:00 am – Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol Adult SS – Coleman Rm.
- 11:00 am – LPC New Member Class – Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Benz Hall

Announcements, next page



LPC is feeding our Family Promise residents the week of April 12 – 18. Please deliver all food items to the LPC Kitchie in the marked box on the counter. Refrigerated items can be kept in the marked box in the kitchen fridge. If a check or cash is easier, place in the offering plate, and mark it "Family Promise".

Items always needed:

2 cases of water; 2 boxes of variety chips; 3 boxes of Capri Sun or Kool-Aid juice boxes
2 variety boxes of cookies; 1 gallon whole milk; 1 gallon each sweet or unsweet tea
1 gallon lemonade; 1 gallon of orange juice; 2 boxes of Breakfast sandwiches
Fresh fruit or fruit cups

End of Announcements