

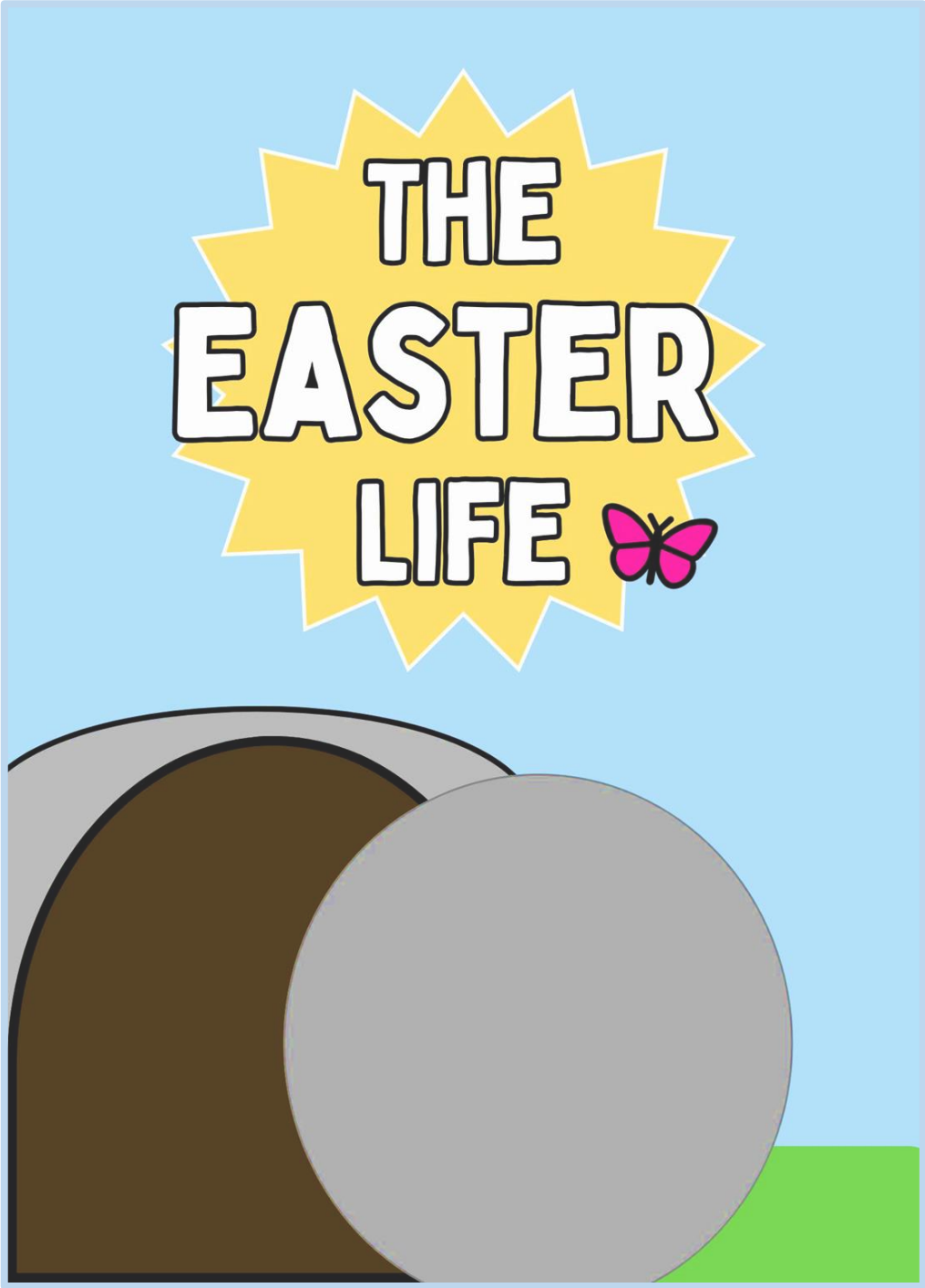
**Lakewood Presbyterian Church**

**Order of Service for the Worship of God**

April 19, 2026

10:00 am

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## ***Preparation for Worship***

### **GATHERING SONGS**

*Come Now Is the Time to Worship*

Brian Doerksen

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now

*Here I Am To Worship*

Tim Hughes

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Catie Wallace

## **\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to our risen Lord this holy day.

**People: May we continue to celebrate the good news of Easter day.**

Leader: Today we celebrate anew the wondrous hope and joyous promise of new life lived in the presence of our risen Lord.

**People: Now in our worship we celebrate with great thanksgiving and join together in songs and hymns of praise and adoration.**

## **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Christ Is Alive*

1) Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2) Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

3) In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

4) Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5) Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Resurrected Christ, you come to us when we least expect, offering us lives of a different kind of abundance. Yet we often fail to sense your presence with us and misuse your generous gifts. Joyful Spirit, you long to turn our mourning into dancing, to change our funeral clothes into garments of exuberance. Sad or afraid, we often struggle to lift our feet to your music or wear an emotion that matches your joy. Forgive us, Creator of all, for failing to live in tune with your love. Even when we have lost faith in you, do not lose faith in us. Make us once again into your faithful people, inspired and inspiring others.**

## **\*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**

**OFFERTORY**

*My Offering*  
LPC Chancel Choir

Tina English

**\*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**

Rev. Joy Laughridge

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

1) I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2) I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)

3) I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,

'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 and Acts 2:14a, 36-41

**SERMON**

*The Easter Life*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*What Shall I Render to the Lord*  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> stanzas) LPC Chancel Choir

**RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there, he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

1) O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2) O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle;  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.

3) O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

4) O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee

that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

## **BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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#### **Duty Elders for April**

David Sheffield  
Paul Chrisman  
Kat Bossuot

#### **Liturgist:**

Catie Wallace

#### **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 April 12, 2026**

In Person: 91; 1<sup>st</sup> Time: 1; Online: 28

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **George and Cathy Barnwell**, *to the Glory of God.*



We delivered basic weekly supplies to **Family Promise** this past Sunday afternoon.  
Thanks to all who have given and to all who are preparing meals for the FP residents this week!

– **Jim and Vickie Robinson**



We collected 5,432.4 lbs of shelf staples and  
donated \$3,405 plus the match totaling \$6,810  
for Mega March Food Drive!

**Calendar, next page**

# Upcoming Events

## **April 19, Sunday**

- 10:00 am – Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Grace Patrol SS – Coleman Rm.
- 11:00 am – New Members Exam w/ Elders – Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Benz Hall

## **April 20, Monday**

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 6:30 pm – BUNCO Night – Sandra Farhat's home
- 6:30 pm – San Jose Forest II HOA Mtg. – Coleman Rm.

## **April 21, Tuesday**

- 7:00 pm – SESSION Meeting – Coleman Rm.

## **April 22, Wednesday**

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

## **April 24, Friday**

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

## CARE Ministry



Care Ministry has a number of small knitted throws and shawls that we are offering to congregants or their loved ones. They are in a bin under the table in the Session Room in the Sanctuary, behind the left stage door. Add some loving warmth to your life or give to a friend!

**More Announcements, next page**

**Summer Vacation Bible School  
Registration is OPEN!**

**\$10 fee per participant**



**RAINFOREST  
FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God

- new friends
- amazing experiments
- creative games
- super-fun snacks
- surprising adventures
- incredible music

**Pre-K to 6th grade**

**Vacation Bible School  
VBS 2026  
at Lakewood Presbyterian Church**

**June 22 - 26, 2026  
8:45 am to Noon**

**Volunteer?  
Call us!**

**Register online**



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**End of Announcements**