



WELCOME TO WORSHIP | Easter Sunrise Service | april 5, 2026

OPENING SONG

Glorious Day | Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith, Kristian Stanfill & Sean Curran

**I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met you**

**I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met you**

**('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into your glorious day**

**Now your mercy has saved my soul
Now your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met you**

**I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now you call me a citizen of heaven
When I was broken you were my healing
Now your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open**

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WELCOME | Pastor Cathy Johns

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SONG OF WORSHIP

What a Beautiful Name | Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

**You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you our Christ**

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my king
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus you brought heaven down
My sin was great your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my king
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus

Death could not hold you
The veil tore before you
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of your glory
For you are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God you reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names

What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my king
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | Pastor Cathy Johns

OFFERING | Pastor Doug Johns

worshipping through the offering of our lives and gifts.

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- Go to christchurchfl.org/give
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

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SONG OF WORSHIP

Alive (Mary Magdalene) | Bernie Herms & Nichole Nordeman

Who but you

Could breathe and leave a trail of galaxies

And dream of me

What kind of love

Is writing my story 'til the end

With mercy's pen

Only you

What kind of king

Would choose to wear a crown that bleeds and scars

To win my heart

What kind of love

Tells me I'm the reason he can't stay

Inside the grave

You is it you

Standing here before my eyes

Ev'ry part of my heart cries

Alive alive

Look what mercy's overcome

Death has lost and love has won

Alive alive

Hallelujah risen Lord

The only one I fall before

I am his because he is (alive oh yeah)

Who could speak

And send the demons back from where they came

With just one name

What other heart would let itself

Be broken ev'ry time 'til he healed mine

You only you

Could turn my darkness into dawn

Running right into your arms

Emmanuel the promised king

The baby who made angels sing

Son of man who walked with us

Healing breathing in our dust

The author of all history

The answer to all mysteries

**The lamb of God who rolled away
The stone in front of ev'ry grave**

Alive alive

Look what mercy's overcome

Death has lost and love has won

Alive yeah

I am his because he is alive yes

Alive

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MORNING PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed,⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb,¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

These are the words of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Surprised by Joy! | Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns

AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who astounds us! God created towering mountains, sparkling sandy beaches, lush green meadows, and dazzling wonders in the night sky. From the hummingbird to the whale, all Creation sings Your praise. God surprises and astounds us in places where we expected God was absent.

We believe in Jesus, the Son of God, whose life, death, and resurrection transforms the world with the power of God's love. His body, crucified and buried, was placed in a tomb. Three days later, He rose from the dead. Jesus, our Risen Savior, embraces us with new life saying, "Because I live, you also will live."

We believe in the Holy Spirit who empowers us to be an Easter people, calling us to be witnesses to the Resurrection. The Spirit fills us with strength and sends us out into the world to proclaim the good news: Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

CLOSING SONG

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) | Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Gabriel Wilson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor & Kari Jobe

The moon and stars they wept

The morning sun was dead

The savior of the world was fallen

His body on the cross

His blood poured out for us

The weight of every curse upon him

One final breath he gave

As heaven looked away

The son of God was laid in darkness

A battle in the grave

The war on death was waged

The power of hell forever broken

The ground began to shake

The stone was rolled away

His (perfect) (reckless) love could not be overcome

Now death where is your sting

Our resurrected king has rendered you defeated

Now forever he is glorified

Forever he is lifted high

And forever he is risen

He is alive and he is alive

Now forever he is glorified

Forever he is lifted high

And forever he is risen

He is alive and he is alive

We sing hallelujah we sing hallelujah

We sing hallelujah the lamb has overcome

We sing hallelujah we sing hallelujah

We sing hallelujah the lamb has overcome

We sing hallelujah we sing hallelujah

We sing hallelujah

And now death where is your sting

Our resurrected king has overcome

He's overcome oh

SENDING FORTH

You are invited to greet one another and enjoy a cup of coffee and treats.

EASTER SUNDAY

9am | * praise service | gym

10:30am | egg hunt

11am | * traditional service | fort lauderdale sanctuary

* services livestreamed at christchurchfl.org, Facebook and YouTube @[christchurchfl](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl)

Join us next Sunday, April 12, for Laity Sunday.

WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

TODAY

CONNECT CARDS We want to know how you're doing. Please fill out a Connect Card, to tell us that you are here, how we can pray for you, and which ministries you're called to. We'd love to hear your ideas also. You'll find paper Connect Cards in the worship space and digital cards at christchurchfl.org/connectcard.

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE TIME Coffee and snacks are available before the 9am and 11am services. Join your friends for coffee and conversation outside the kitchen window in the gym lobby.

AT THE TABLE next sunday | 10:05am | fellowship hall 1 *At the Table* is a time to explore the scripture of the day and meet new people as you do. Invite friends and newcomers to join you. *At the Table* is taking a break today so everyone can enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt and be together. Next Sunday, plan to stay after the 9am service or come early for the 11am service for this time together; you don't need to hear the day's message to participate in the conversation. Holy Grounds will be open, so plan to grab a snack and coffee, and join us.

SERVE

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JAMAICA HURRICANE RELIEF sunday | april 12 | 9am & 11am services Responding to concerns by a group of Christ Church community members, a special offering will be taken to help people in Jamaica recover from Hurricane Melissa. The storm, the strongest Atlantic storm to make landfall, devastated homes and communities, and the recovery is continuing. If you would like to make a special gift to help our brothers and sisters in Jamaica, please go to christchurchfl.org/give and scroll down to the special link for Jamaica gifts, or place it in an offering envelope and write Jamaica Relief on the envelope. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many affected by Melissa.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE TEDDER BOOK FAIR april 13-17 | 9:30am-1:50pm | Tedder Elementary Tedder Elementary, our partner school in the Parkway neighborhood, will host a Spring Scholastic Book Fair April 13-17. There are lots of opportunities for volunteers between 9:30am and 1:50pm those days. Volunteers need to be approved through the Broward County Public Schools. If you can make a difference in this way, please contact Val Proffer with the days and times you can help. Go to christchurchfl.org/events to sign up.

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY The Blessings Food Pantry welcomes donations any time. The following items would be greatly appreciated: canned tuna or chicken, canned or boxed soups, cereals, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, mac-and-cheese, canned beans, saltine crackers, jelly, peanut butter, coffee/tea, canned fruit, canned ravioli, canned meat such as Spam, and cereal bars. If you'd like us to do the shopping, donations can be made at christchurchfl.org/give, with Blessings Pantry in the notes field, or make out a check to Christ Church and write Blessings Pantry on the memo line. Learn more at christchurchfl.org/blessings

LEARN ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANS As you leave worship today, pick up a copy of the Building Committee's most recent newsletter describing the exciting progress toward serving middle schoolers and their families. For answers to some frequently asked questions, go to the church website. christchurchfl.org/FAQ

ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE sunday | april 12 | 12:15pm | fellowship halls 1-3 The mission of the Anti-Racism Task Force is to confront the sin of racism in ourselves, our church, and in the world. Join us as we work toward a church community that reflects the beautiful diversity of the Kingdom of God. ARTF meets quarterly after the 11 am Traditional Worship Service, around 12:15pm. Questions? Contact Susan Spragg, leader of the Anti-Racism Task Force, artf@christchurchfl.org

ZOE EMPOWERS We support the Arise and Shine Kironya Empowerment Group of 24 orphaned and abandoned teens and young adults as they learn the skills to be self-supporting through Zoe Empowers. Our partnership with them runs through December 2027. The skills taught by Zoe will help each young adult support themselves and their families in their context. You can learn more at christchurchfl.org/zoe

PREPARE BREAKFAST FOR PARKWAY The Parkway community breakfast is prepared in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen early Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together. Students can earn service hours. Send an email to Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, pdarnell@christchurchfl.org if you, your family or group can help.

HEAT DINNERS FOR PARKWAY On Wednesdays, we're preparing Christ Church's famous and tasty meatloaf and side dishes in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen for our guests on the Parkway Campus. Flex volunteer time 2-4pm. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together after school. Students can earn service hours. If you are interested, please send an email to Outreach Coordinator Paige Darnell, pdarnell@christchurchfl.org.

JOIN THE WELCOME TEAM Do you enjoy greeting your church family and welcoming guests? The Welcome Team would be a great place for you to serve. Welcome Team members also help serve communion and collect the offering. Some welcome team members serve as ushers and greeters for memorial services and other special events. Michele Apple and Jeanne Deinken lead this team. Serving with the Welcome Team is a great way to get to know your church family. Sign up at christchurchfl.org/serve

BE PART OF THE WORSHIP TECH TEAM Put your tech skills to work for God. If you would like to be part of the team that helps run the cameras and visuals for worship, send an email to info@christchurchfl.org

CONNECT

ORGAN RECITAL sunday | april 19 | 4pm | sanctuary Daniel Colaner will be the featured organist at the Emerging Artist Recital sponsored by the tri-county chapter of the American Guild of Organists in the Christ Church Sanctuary. Colaner has received numerous honors, including the 2023 National Young Arts Winner with Distinction in Organ/Classical Music. He has been featured on PBS with the American Pops Orchestra and on NPR's *From the Top* (Show #377). He holds the Dr. Mi Wha Lee Fellowship at the Curtis Institute of Music and serves as the Michael Stairs Organ Scholar at the Church of The Redeemer in Bryn Mawr, Penn. The recital is free.

SHARED MEALS You are invited to share a meal and community twice each week on the Parkway Campus. On Wednesday, 4:30-6pm, dinner is served to all who come. On Sunday, breakfast is shared 9-10am. This is a great way to build community with our neighbors. The Parkway Campus is located at 100 NE 44th Street, Deerfield Beach.

CHRIST CHURCH AT TRIVIA NIGHT mondays | 7:30pm | Funky Buddha Brewery Join us as we play trivia. It's an informal gathering of folks who have fun trying to answer the questions and catching up on one another's lives. Look for the Christ Church team at the Funky Buddha, 1201 NE 38th Street, Oakland Park, on Monday nights.

GROW

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASSES saturday | may 2 | 7:30am-6pm Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most impactful lay leadership development programs within the United Methodist connection. It equips and empowers laity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ—and to lead others into discipleship through service, teaching, and witness. Three courses will be offered: Lay Servant Ministry Basic Course; Each one a Minister (Using God's Gifts for Ministry); and Afire with God (Becoming Spiritued Stewards). The course fee is \$50 and includes course materials, light breakfast and lunch. For additional information, email Connie Bookholt, cbookholt@nationalgroup.com

MORNING PRAYERS Join your church family for morning prayers Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30am. Begin the day praying with your church family on the Christ Church Facebook page, [@christchurchfl](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl). If you can't be online at 7:30, a recording of morning prayers is available on Facebook. Morning prayers will be on break Monday, April 6, returning Wednesday, April 8.

HEALING

FAITH CARING GROUP mondays | 1pm The Faith Caring Group reflects and addresses the need for caring and assistance as well as grief support. The group meets on Zoom every Monday of the month, except the second Monday when members have lunch at H2Ocean, 5975 N Federal Hwy #103, Fort Lauderdale. For more information, send an email to info@christchurchfl.org with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

LEAD THE LORD'S PRAYER & APOSTLES CREED first sundays Children are invited to lead the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed in the 9am and 11am services on the first Sunday of each month. Email Pastor Monique to volunteer, mmcbride@ccsfl.org

i9 SPORTS AT CHRIST CHURCH Soccer, flag football, basketball and multi-sport programs are open for children age 3 and up. i9 is a community-based program devoted to helping children succeed. Learn about all of the opportunities on the i9 website. i9sports.com

CHURCH BUSINESS

CAMPUSES CLOSED APRIL 6 Christ Church campuses, Fort Lauderdale and Parkway, will be closed Easter Monday, April 6. The Blessings Food Pantry will be closed that day too. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, April 7.

CHURCH CONFERENCE Christ Church members will vote on plans to add a middle school to Christ Church School at a special church conference on Sunday, April 12, at 4pm. There will also be a vote on Matt Till as a certified candidate for ministry. If you have questions about your membership status, please contact Membership Secretary Claudia Bhatt, cbhatt@christchurchfl.org

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, April 13, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Halls 1-3.