

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2026

### Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

### We Gather As God's Children

#### The Life and Work of the Church

Centring Music As Comes the Breath of Spring

*Ron Klusmeier*

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Blessed are those who trust in God, whose trust is God.

**For they are like trees planted by the water,**

for they will not cease to bear fruit.

**God searches for us on the many roads we travel.**

God searches and heals us. We are so blessed.

**We are blessed to gather as one in God's name.**

#### Hymn     **The Spring Has Come** (Voices United 187)

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- 1     The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!  
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!  
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.  
New light, new day,  
the spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

- 2     The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!  
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel way in it!  
New leaf, new thrust, new greening for the love of Christ.  
New leaf, new thrust,  
the sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!

- 3     The spring has come, new people are the flowers of it.  
Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers of it.  
New bud, new shoot, new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit.  
New bud, new shoot,  
the spring has come, new people are the flowers of it!

#### Morning Prayer

#### A Time to Wonder

Anthem     Everywhere I Go

*Natalie Sleeth*

### We Listen For God's Word

#### Scripture Reading     **Psalm 23** (Voices United 749) Beth

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*Refrain* The shepherd is the Lord; nothing indeed shall I want.

God is my shepherd,  
**there is nothing I shall lack.**  
You, God, make me lie down in green pastures,  
**you lead me beside peaceful waters;**  
you revive my spirit,  
**you guide me in right pathways**  
**for your name's sake.**

*Refrain* The shepherd is the Lord; nothing indeed shall I want.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
you are with me,  
**your rod and your staff are my comfort.**  
You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies;  
**you anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing.**  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
**and I will dwell in God's house my whole life long.**

**Refrain** The shepherd is the Lord; nothing indeed shall I want.

**Scripture Reading** John 10:1-10

**Reflection** "All We, Like Sheep"

**Hymn of the Day** **The King of Love**

(Voices United 273, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6)

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- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

- 6 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever!

## We Live Out Our Faith to Love and Serve

Invitation to Offering

Offering Music

In the Garden

Charles A. Miles

Offering Response **This is the Day that God has Made**

(Voices United 175, Chorus Only)

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This is the day that God has made!  
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!  
This is the day that God has made!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Great is Thy Faithfulness** (Voices United 288)

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1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. *Refrain*

### Benediction

Postlude Soon and Very Soon

*Andre Crouch*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Glenn Parsons and the CBUC Choir  
Welcoming – Ron Norman  
Lighting of the Christ Candle – The Spirit Kids  
Morning Prayer – Joan Young  
Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis  
Scripture Reading – Rev. Wilda Cottam  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Peggy Dayton  
Greeters – Willa Burke and Jocelyn Jones  
Technical Support – Sam Boehner and Sue Christensen  
Fellowship Time – Men’s Breakfast Group