



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Psalm 23

Josh Carter

Worship Song

When You're Here

Cross & Crown Children

Verse 1

Jesus you are kind, Jesus our savior
You're always in our heart, you're always on our mind

Chorus

When you're here...I feel safe
When you're here...I feel loved
You're always there and I...am not alone.

Verse 2

Children, you are mine. Children I came to save you
You're always in our heart, you're always on our mind

Chorus

When you're here...I feel safe
When you're here...I feel loved
You're always there and I...am not alone.

Bridge

Thank you Jesus!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Refrain

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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation, kneeling, sitting, or standing as you are able.

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. We pray for military personnel and chaplains serving near and far.

Giver of joy, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love and we sing...

(Refrain)

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially those on our congregational prayer list and those we name aloud at this time...

(We now invite you to speak aloud the names of those for whom you are praying.)

Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and we sing our Amen.

(Refrain)

(Please be seated)

Holy Baptism of Myles William Jones

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child, Myles William Jones, baptized into Christ?

Response: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help Myles grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Myles and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

(Please stand)

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you set us free from the power of sin and death and raised us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Baptism

Myles William Jones, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Myles with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

(The sign of the cross is made with oil on the forehead of the baptized)

P: Myles, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.



This Week's Story: The Great Commission
Icebreaker Question: Do you have a
nickname?

Welcome Home and Announcements *(See back page for additional announcements.)*

THE WORD

Psalm 23

¹The Lord ¹is my shepherd;

I shall not ¹be in want.

²The Lord makes me lie down ¹in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹side still waters.

³You restore my ¹soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways ¹for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹Lord forever.



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

COMMUNION

Come to the Table— Everyone’s Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ’s love, shared through His body and blood. If you’re hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We’re so glad you’re here—let’s share this joyful moment together!

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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, and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

OR

Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

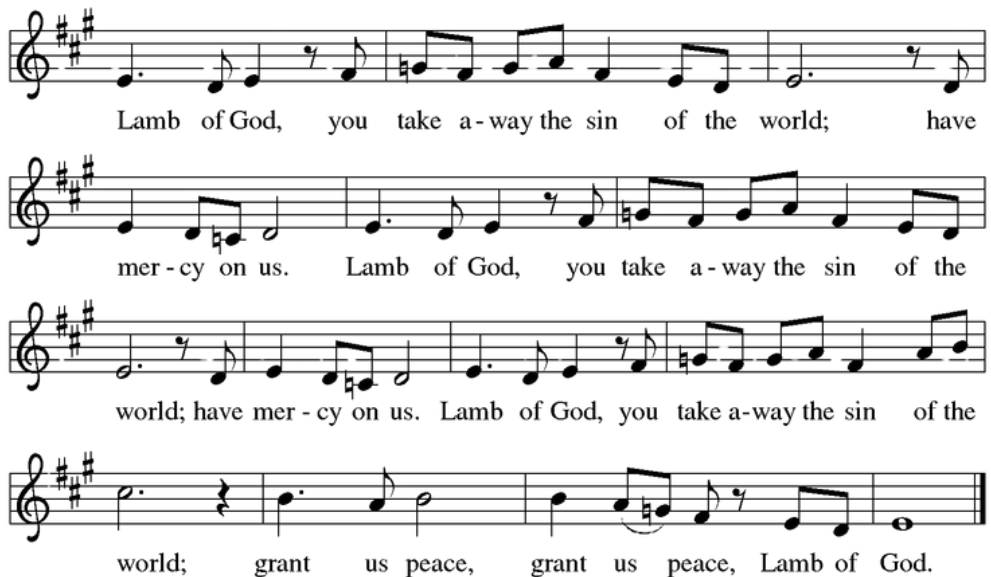
Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

Hunger for You

Cross & Crown Children

Verse 1

Lord, we are hungry.
We don't understand what you're doing.
You told us you'll be gone.
What will we do without you?

Chorus 1

Why Lord why do you have to go?
Where will you be when we need you?
We'll miss your hand on our shoulders.
We hunger for you.....we hunger for you (x2)

Verse 2

Lord we are thirsty
We need your living water
We're done with wandering
Show us the path to your well

Chorus 2

Why Lord why do you have to go?
Where will you be when we need you
We'll miss your hand on our shoulders.
We're thirsty for you.....we're thirsty for you (x2)

Bridge

You are the wine, you are the bread
Thirsty no more, we will be fed. (x2)

Chorus 3

We know why you have to go
You're always there when we need you..
Your hand will light our darkness.
The world hungers for you.
The world thirsts for you. (Bridge)

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Old Church Choir

Wedgeworth, Hulse, Williams

Verse 1

There's revival and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
A Sunday morning hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long
Can you hear it
Can you feel it
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Oh once you choose it you can't lose it

Pre-Chorus

(Oh 'cause) There ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Chorus

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing
'Cause I've been restored
(No) there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Verse 2

When the valleys that I wander
Turn to mountains that I can't climb
Oh You are with me You never leave me

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Sending

L: Please read the sending with me.

L: Go in peace and share Cross and Crown's mission with the world.

C: **Following Jesus, loving and serving all!**

Pre-Chorus

(Oh 'cause) There ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Bridge

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need

Interlude

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful

Ending

Oh there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy