

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026 - 11:15am

Pre-service Music

Invocation

- P** We begin in the Name of the Father,
C **Who raises His only Son, so that we might have life.**
P We begin in the Name of His Son, Jesus Christ,
C **Who redeemed us on the cross with His own blood.**
P We begin in the Name of the Holy Spirit,
C **Who comforts us, and gives us power to live. Amen. Christ is risen, Alleluia!**

Exhortation

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- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

(Silence for prayerful confession)

Absolution

Song:

"Mighty to Save"

by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

Verse 1:

**Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations**

Chorus:

**Saviour
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

Verse 2:

**So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender**

(Chorus)

(BRIDGE):

**Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King
(Chorus), (Chorus)**

Song:

"Your Name"
by Paul Baloche

**Verse 1: As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name**

**Chorus: Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name**

**Verse 2: Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name**

(Chorus)

(Interlude)

**Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save**

(Chorus)

Prayer Time Concluded with Our 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.

Welcome & Children's Time

Pastor Randy Bard

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

A Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

A He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C He has put all things under his feet. Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sermon: Witness Received!!

Pastor Tim Eden

Our Offerings to the Lord

(Members & guests please fill out the attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at www.blcbcs.org)

The Service of Holy Communion

Preface Prayer

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth,

C For You have shown us mercy beyond what we could ever imagine. You gave for us Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We thank You for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him Who comes to us in His body and blood. Amen.

Pastor Speaks the Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. Amen and Amen.

The Congregation shares "The Peace of the Lord".

Distribution of the Sacrament and Songs:

"Living Hope"

By Phil Wickham & Brian Johnson

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

(Chorus):

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

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**Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me**

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Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

(Chorus):

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You have broken every chain
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Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
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There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

(Tag):

**Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope**

"Who You Say I Am"

by Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

(Verse 1):

**Who am I that the highest King, Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me**

(Chorus 1):

**Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am**

(Verse 2):
Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep, While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

(Chorus 2):
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

(Bridge):
I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am
(Bridge), I am who You say I am

(Chorus 1):
Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

(Chorus 2):
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Interlude

(Bridge), (Bridge), Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am

(Chorus 1), (Chorus 2)

Benediction

Closing Song:

"All to Us"
by Chris Tomlin

(Verse 1):
Precious cornerstone sure foundation
You are faithful to the end
We are waiting on You Jesus
We believe You're all to us
(REPEAT Verse 1)

(Chorus):
Let the glory of Your name
Be the passion of the Church
Let the righteousness of God

**Be a holy flame that burns
Let the saving love of Christ
Be the measure of our lives
We believe You're all to us**

**(Verse 2):
Only Son of God sent from heaven
Hope and mercy at the cross
You are ev'rything
You're the promise
Jesus You are all to us**

(Chorus), (Chorus)

**(Bridge):
You're all to us, You're all to us
You're all to us, You are**

(Repeat Bridge)

**(Verse 3):
When this passing world is over
We will see You face to face
And forever we will worship
Jesus You are all to us, Jesus You are all to us**

Announcements

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