



Highland Hills

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Worship of God

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

The Chiming of the Hour

The Organ Prelude

“Choral”

Joseph Jongen

The Call to Worship

Rob McCord

Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

We walked the seashore and hills with Jesus; we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows, we stood at the cross and hid in a room out of our fear.

Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Amen!

The Invocation and Welcome to Worship

Caitlin Childers Brown

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

*The Hymn of Praise 194

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

A Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 65:17-25

Carol Brown

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered
a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be
considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat,

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their
hands.

They shall not labor in vain

or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,

while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;

the lion shall eat straw like the ox,

but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain,

says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Children’s Message

Caitlin Childers Brown

*The Hymn of Offering 197

“We Welcome Glad Easter”

ST. DENIO

*The Prayer of Giving

Ben Browne

The Offertory

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Wilbur Held

*The Doxology 706

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD 100TH

A Reading from the New Testament

Luke 24:1-12

Ethan Brown

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Gilbert M. Martin

The Message

Dreamland

Ethan Brown

The Affirmation of Faith

**At Easter, we renew our commitment
to the God who brings liberation after slavery,
restoration after exile, Easter after Good Friday.**

**We affirm our commitment to be Easter people
who witness the past resurrection,
by living today in light of that resurrection
as we participate in the cause of the resurrected one,
and thereby embody the future resurrection
to one another and a world in need.**

**In our living, we affirm that Christ has died,
Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

(Written by our very own Paul Lewis)

*The Hymn of Response 198

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LLANFAIR

The Opportunities for Service

Caitlin Childers Brown

The Benediction

Ethan Brown

The Choral Response

"Hallelujah!"
from *Messiah* (HWV 56)

George Frideric Handel