

Worship Leader Edition
First Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME *{Front Center}* (Rob)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

OPENING HYMN

“God Loved the World”
Verses 1, 2 & 3

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Verse 1

God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.

all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.

Verse 3

If you are ill, if death draws near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;
that is the firmest ground of faith.

Verse 2

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;

GREETING *{Front Center}* (Chuck Houts)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE BE SEATED”

KYRIE *(cantor and congregation)*

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *(congregation)*

“Glory to God”

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C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of The Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Chuck Houts)

L: Mysterious and Divine Presence, Too often our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (*Andrea*)

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

Colossians 3:12-15

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand as you are able.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (**STAND**)

"Alleluia"

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C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Rob*)

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

PLEASE SAY: "PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When Peace Like a River"

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Verses 1 & 3

Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 3

He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

It is well, It is well, with my soul, with my soul,

Refrain

THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Chuck Houts*)

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Chuck Houts*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS”

THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Chuck Houts*)

After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Chuck Houts*)

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C: 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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*Chuck Houts*)

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L: During this time of reflection and response please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. To give electronically there is a QR code in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Please email prayers to office@stlukesbloomington.org. Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

“Peace I Leave With You”
Lori Murray & Patrick Lair

Walter L. Pelz

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES (*Rob*)

PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: May God fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”
Verses 1, 3 & 5

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Verse 1

O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth’s horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on your hearts emblazon.

that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise
our voices in endless singing.

Verse 5

When we on that final journey go
that Christ is for us preparing,
we’ll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God’s endless praise,
with angels and saints adoring.

Verse 3

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone,

DISMISSAL {*Back*} (*Rob*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

*Altar Flowers Given Today:
Linda Johnson
In memory of Chuck Dunham*