

FOR FURTHER READING

- ◇ Frederick Dale Bruner. *The Gospel of John: A Commentary*. Eerdmans, 2012.
- ◇ *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Volume 2: Lent through Eastertide*. WJK Press, 2010.



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 05, 2026; 8:15 A.M.

*God of resurrection,
 Mary went to the garden looking for you.
 Two thousand years later, we follow in her footsteps.
 We seek after you, hungry to hear you say our name.
 So hold all of our prayers in your heart,
 and continue to reveal yourself in this broken world.
 Until God's promised day, we will sing, "Alleluia!"
 We will hold onto hope. We will seek you all of our days.*

Gathering Music	<i>"Worth Living For"</i> By David Niblock	David Niblock Amanda Walker
Welcome & Invitation to Worship		Kathryn Packett
Reflection	<i>"The Empty Tomb"</i>	Media Clip
Call to Worship		David Fitzgerald
Hymn 194	<i>"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"</i>	All Worshipers
Offertory Prayer		Lewis Ledford
Offertory	<i>"What Kind of Love"</i> By David Niblock	David Niblock Amanda Walker
Pastoral Prayer		Gina Brock
Song of Faith	<i>"Christ Is Risen"</i> By David Niblock	David Niblock Amanda Walker
Scripture Reading	<i>John 20:1-18</i>	Tammy Stocks
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	
Hymn 200	<i>"In the Garden"</i>	All Worshipers
Sermon	<i>"Seeking: Who Are You Looking For?"</i>	Tyler Tankersley
Practicing the Presence of God		Tyler Tankersley
Hymn 620	<i>"Because He Lives"</i>	All Worshipers
Life of the Church		Kathryn Packett
Benediction		Tyler Tankersley

seeking:
 honest questions
 for deeper faith



*Who are you
 looking for?*

John 20:1-18

Easter

April 5, 2026

ARDMORE BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2026; 10:45 A.M.

*God of resurrection,
 Mary went to the garden looking for you.
 Two thousand years later, we follow in her footsteps.
 We seek after you, hungry to hear you say our name.
 So hold all of our prayers in your heart,
 and continue to reveal yourself in this broken world.
 Until God's promised day, we will sing, "Alleluia!"
 We will hold onto hope. We will seek you all of our days.*

**CHRIST THE LORD IS
 RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!**

Gathering Music	<i>"Easter Rejoicing"</i> <i>Arranged by Todd Marchand</i>	Brass Ensemble
Chiming of the Trinity		Matthew Cates
Welcome & Invitation to Worship		Kathryn Packett
Prelude	<i>"Ode to Joy"</i> <i>By Ludwig van Beethoven</i> <i>Arranged by Lynne Latham</i>	String Quartet
Procession of the Paschal Candle		Kenslee Esposito

*On this Easter morning, we celebrate the resurrection
 of Christ by returning the Christ candle, burning brightly
 to remind us that Christ has conquered death.
 He has risen and is Lord for all eternity!*

**EARTH AND HEAVEN
 JOIN TO SAY, ALLELUIA!**

Call to Worship		David Fitzgerald
Leader: Risen Christ, People: we come with songs of joy and words of praise for your powerful love and life-giving grace.		
Leader: Like those first disciples who ran to your empty tomb, People: calm our harried thoughts, that we might hear the message of your resurrection.		
Leader: Like the grieving Mary who searched in the garden, People: reveal yourself to us, that we might know your presence and heed your call.		
Leader: Transform our doubts into faith, People: that we might be a resurrection people, revealing your loving presence for all the world to see.		
Leader: We are here. We are listening. People: We are seeking after you. Alleluia. Amen!		

Hymn 194 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* All Worshipers
 Arranged by James Biery

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
 Earth and heaven join to say, Alleluia!
 Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
 Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
 Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
 Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
 Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
 Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
 Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grace, the skies, Alleluia!*

Children's Message Lee Ritchie

**RAISE YOUR JOYS
 AND TRIUMPHS HIGH, ALLELUIA!**

Gospel Reading *John 20:1-18* Sarah Young

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 200 *"In the Garden"* All Worshipers

Offertory Prayer Lewis Ledford

Offertory *"Our Great Savior"* Piano Trio
Arranged by Duane Funderburk
Levi Woodall, violin
Gustavo Antoniacomi, cello
David Fitzgerald, piano

**SING, YE HEAVENS,
 AND EARTH REPLY, ALLELUIA!**

Pastoral Prayer Gina Brock

Anthem *"I Will Rise"* Sanctuary Choir
Arranged by Craig Courtney String Quartet
And Lynda Hasseler
Choral Scholars: Reagan Almond,
Ziya Jackson, Brianna Shellman,

*There's a peace I've come to know
 Though my heart and flesh may fail.*

*There's an anchor for my soul.
 I can say, "It is well."
 Jesus has overcome
 And the grave is overwhelmed.
 The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.
 And I will rise when He calls my name,
 No more sorrow, no more pain,
 I will rise on eagle's wings.
 Before my God fall on my knees and rise.
 I will rise. I will rise.*

*There's a day that's drawing near
 When this darkness breaks to light.
 And the shadows disappear
 And my faith shall be my eyes.
 Jesus has overcome
 And the grave is overwhelmed.
 The victory is won, He is risen from the dead.
 And I will rise when He calls my name,
 No more sorrow, no more pain,
 I will rise on eagle's wings.
 Before my God fall on my knees and rise.
 I will rise. I will rise.*

*And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
 "Worthy is the Lamb!"
 And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
 "Worthy is the Lamb!"
 And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
 "Worthy is the Lamb!"
 And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
 "Worthy is the Lamb!"*

*I will rise when He calls my name,
 No more sorrow, no more pain.
 I will rise on eagle's wings.
 Before my God fall on my knees and rise.
 I will rise, I will rise, I will rise!
 Lives Again
 Our Glorious King, Alleluia!*

Sermon *"Seeking:
 Who Are You Looking For?"* Tyler Tankersley

Time of Response Tyler Tankersley

Hymn 620 *"Because He Lives"* All Worshipers

Life of the Church Kathryn Packett

Benediction Tyler Tankersley

Postlude Matthew Cates