

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday



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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

- Now the Green Grass Rises; Glory to God Hymnal

WELCOME

One: Christ is risen!
All: **He has risen indeed!**

Katy Evans, Pastoral Intern

PRELUDE

Easter March
Louis Walker, Organist
Analisa Bergeron, Joseph Guzman, Austin Nakamoto, JW Peters (Brass Ensemble)

William Byrd

✧Please rise as you are able.

Now the song is begun, for the battle is done, and the victory won: now the foe is scattered: death's dark prison shattered. Sing of joy; and today raise the lay, Christ is now arisen! They that followed in pain shall now follow to reign, and the crown shall obtain; they were sore assaulted, they shall be exalted. Sing of joy; earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen! For the foe nevermore can approach to that shore, when the conflict is over; there is joy supernal; there is peace eternal. Sing of life; earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen! Then be brave, then be true, ye despise and ye few, for the crown is for you: Christ, who went before you, spreads his buckler over you. Sing of strength; earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen! Lo, the victory is won, and the foe is scattered, death's dark prison shattered! Hallelujah! Earth and skies bid it rise, Christ is now arisen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On Friday, we thought that love had been silenced.
 But now, we know that the tomb is empty!

**All: Now, the good news is on the loose.
 Now, we are full of alleluias!**

One: Now, we dare to believe
 that life is stronger than death
 and love is stronger than evil.

All: Now, let us worship the risen Christ.

✠HYMN 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

EASTER HYMN

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Rev. Amy Moore Parish Associate

**Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our laps
and we refuse to believe it.
Forgive us when grief and fear
crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.
In a world that desperately needs resurrection living,
teach us how to show up like the women at the tomb.
Show us how to be courageous like Peter,
so that we run with hope toward you.
Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: God's grace exists on the best days,
 the worst days, and every day in between.
 God's grace exists for us, for all, now!

**All: Thanks be to God for this good news!
 Alleluia! Amen.**

✠HYMN 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

**One: The peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

All children (youth and parents too!) are invited to the front of the Sanctuary.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

**One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON Reformed Words for a Transformed World:
N Is for Now**

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

**We have known fear and grief, apathy and hopelessness.
We have known "Good Friday" kind of pain.
We have known darkness before the dawn.
And still (and still) we believe.
Now, the tomb is empty. Now, we know life.
Now, love wins. Now, God's kin-dom is made real.
Now, God's justice on the loose.
For no stone could keep God at bay.
And no violence could keep God's love from us.
So now we sing: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM Alleluia, He Lives! Joel Raney

Alleluia! He lives again, our glorious King of kings! Jesus Christ is risen, alleluia, he lives! Christ is risen, the stone is rolled away, alleluia, he lives! All creation, rejoice and sing today, alleluia, he lives! Jesus, our Redeemer, Christ, God's only son, lives again eternally, clothed in triune majesty, seated at the right hand of God! Hymns of praise we sing to the risen King, alleluia, he lives! Worship and adore Christ forevermore, alleluia, he lives! Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; alleluia, sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. Alleluia, he lives! Alleluia, he lives again, our glorious King of kings! Jesus Christ is risen, alleluia, he lives! He lives!

✠**HYMN 609** Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠**HYMN 248** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! HYMN TO JOY

✠**CHARGE AND BLESSING** Matthew 22:37-39

**Go out into the world in peace.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind;
and love your neighbor as yourself.**

✠**RESPONSE** Alleluia, He Lives! Joel Raney

POSTLUDE Jesus Christ Is Risen Today D. Bish

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NEWS AT NORTHPARK

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at NorthPark! Please record your attendance in the blue book found in your pew. Newcomers - by sharing your contact information, NorthPark will donate a bag of rice to a local food pantry in your honor. Hearing-assisted devices are available from an usher.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome in worship! Take a worship bag, borrow manipulatives/books (found outside the Sanctuary). Childcare (infants – K) is also available in Room 50. Little ones may want to begin in the Sanctuary, stay through Moments for Children, then go to childcare.

EASTER FELLOWSHIP

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., join us for breakfast in Fellowship Hall, followed by an egg hunt at 10:30 a.m. on the west lawn (rain location – gym).

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OGHS supports hunger relief, community development, and disaster assistance. Envelopes for this special offering are in the pew racks. You can also give online by clicking the QR code below.

HOW TO GIVE



NorthPark relies on your generosity to support the mission and ministry of the church. Offering envelopes are found in the pew racks. Online gifts may be given by scanning the QR code with your phone camera. Checks may be mailed to NPPC; 9555 N. Central Exp.; Dallas, TX 75231.

REFORMED WORDS CARD DECK

Pick up weekly “Reformed Words for a Transformed World” card in the foyer featuring scripture, reflection questions, and a breath prayer. It’s a simple way to carry the Sunday message into your daily life. If you miss a Sunday, previous weeks’ cards are available, too.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at a Frisco Rough Riders baseball game on Saturday, May 9. Watch for details about purchasing tickets for group seating!

TODAY’S FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by Louis Walker in memory of Charles Walker and Nui Canfield in memory of Thawon Towong.

EASTER MONDAY

The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6.

LEARN MORE

Find more information (calendar of events, staff contact information) at northparkpres.org.

EASTER LILIES

IN HONOR OF

The Silvius Family
Our family
Susan & Charles Dunlap family, Cheryl & Ross Payton family, NorthPark Choir
Martica Luckey & Stuart McRae who spread the Word
Our family
Mary & Joe Camerata
Ella Howeth
The NorthPark staff
Jo Anne Malone, Max & Christy Malone, Carlie Malone, Riley Malone, Genesis II
Class, Visions Class, St. Andrews Class
Our grandchildren, Bruce & Clark Peters, Lily Guyman. Our children Hayley &
JW Peters, Rachel & Will Guyman
NorthPark pastors, staff, musicians; Gretchen, Paul, & Campbell Lewis;
Liz Williams; Beth & Ed Bull
NorthPark staff & music ministry

IN MEMORY OF

Our grandparents; Trey's parents
Steve Cunningham
Donald A. Daiker
My loved ones
Hazel Savage, who got us to NorthPark
Beth Henderson
Sarah Jane & Theo Hills
Jerry Knotts
Jerry Lee
Wanda & Jim Stanley
Dr. Franklin G. Lewis, Jennifer Lewis
Lloyd Malone, Sylvia Shafferman, Fred Shafferman
Bertha Mauricio
My parents, Mae & Mac McMahon
Our parents
Meredith Moore
Our parents, Margaret & Bill Perry, Ruth & Addison Lawton
Our parents, Marion & James Peters, Margaret & Lowell Whitlatch
Ed Fitch
Louis Pannozzo, Sunshine
Jeannette Siegers
Dorothy & R.E. Blackwood, Jean & Charles Smith, and Tom Blackwood
Dorothy & Lin Watkins, Nancy & Lou Strubeck
Beth Henderson
Dana Walker, Bertha Walker, Charles Walker

GIFTED BY

Kathy & Rich Bohnsack
Liz & George Deuillet
Carol Jean & Walter Dunlap
Cherry & David Haymes
Catharina & Craig Haynes
Susannah Hills & Mike Camerata
Madi & Clayton Howeth
Lisa & Jeff Howeth
Amy & Michael Malone

Carol & Larry Peters

Louis Walker

Liz Williams

GIFTED BY

Nicole Bates & Trey Angel
Cheryl Cunningham
Holly Daiker
Claudia Goode
Cherry & David Haymes
Catharina & Craig Haynes
Susannah Hills & Mike Camerata
Knotts Family
Leo Lee
Alison & Larry Lee
Lewis Family
Amy & Michael Malone
Debbie & Bill Mauricio
Bob McMahon
Kathy & Mike McNeill
Amy & David Moore
Linda & Bill Perry
Carol & Larry Peters
Becky & Thomas Price
Taylor Salerno & Boden Svang
Anita & Rolf Siegers
Mimi & Mark Smith
Kay (Watkins) & Lou Strubeck
Anne Thomas
Louis Walker