



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship



Following Jesus. Loving & Serving All.

WELCOME

Welcome to worship! Cross & Crown is an inclusive, vibrant Christ-centered church committed to caring for and serving our communities and each other. We hope that you will feel a warm welcome and will worship with us again!

PARENTS

We love the sound of kids in our service! Here are some ideas to keep them engaged.

Relax! It's ok to let kids be kids!

Sit close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see and hear.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Sing hymns loudly, pray, respond, etc. Children learn by following your lead.

Activities: If you would like a bag of quiet activities for your little ones, ask an usher and they will provide one for you.

Wander: It's ok to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids move a bit.

Need to Leave? No problem, but please come back! Sometimes kids just need a break. There are speakers in the narthex & Common Room so you can hear. The narthex is a great place to get the wiggles out, and the Common Room is nice if you need privacy.

Ask: Questions or just need help? Just ask one of our ushers.

Childcare: The nursery is down the hall in the Multipurpose Space for infants to age 4 & is available during both worship services. If you need assistance, an usher can help you. C&C Kids is offered to kids pre-K through 3rd grade. Kids depart the sanctuary during the Sharing of the Peace and return to worship before communion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sunday school classes are offered for adults located in the Multipurpose space. Our adult class, Books of Faith, meets in room 206.

Communion is offered each week. Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table!

Cross & Crown has something for everyone, and not just on Sundays. During the week, we have activities such as Bible studies and small groups. Come join us for a home-cooked meal on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. See the back of the bulletin for more details and how to RSVP.



Now that you know a little about us, help us get to know your story by scanning the QR code to fill out our First Time Guest Connection Form- share as much or as little as you'd like. It takes less than a minute!



SCAN HERE

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Now the Green Blade Riseth, Handbell Choir

McChesney

P: We rise! (*Please stand as you are able*)

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." (Matthew 28:1-10)

P: He is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed!

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Hymn

365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Verse 1

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Verse 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Verse 3

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Verse 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Worship Song

River of Mercy

Simpkins

Verse 1

You are the one who was and is to come,
The Alpha and Omega, Kingdom One,
In my joy and in my loss you carry me,
you take my cross, You shower me
with grace at every turn.

Pre-Chorus

I'll give my all to you,
You beckon me, you beckon me,
You come and set your people free,
You shed all my sin upon the shore.

Chorus

Oh sons and daughters, come to the Father,
Breathe in forgiveness, jump in the water,
Oh, let's go,
Come to the River, the River of mercy.

Verse 2

I once was who I thought I'd always be,
Until you came and found and rescued me,
I lost my life into your hands and you raised me up,
a second chance,
And now I get to go and tell the world.

Prayers of the Church

Refrain

What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King, What a beautiful Name it is

Nothing compares to this, What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation, kneeling, sitting, or standing as you are able.

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. We pray for military personnel and chaplains serving near and far.

Giver of joy, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love and we sing...

(Refrain)

Pre-Chorus

I'll give my all to you,
You beckon me, you beckon me,
You come and set your people free,
You shed all my sin upon the shore.

Chorus

Oh sons and daughters, come to the Father,
Breathe in forgiveness,
Jump in the water,
Oh, let's go,
Come to the River, the River of Mercy.

Bridge

(let it ring)
COME, COME, COME TO THE WATER
OH, OH
(let it ring)
COME, COME, COME TO THE WATER
OH, OH

Chorus

(Refrain)

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially those on our congregational prayer list and those we name aloud at this time... Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying.

(We now invite you to speak aloud the names of those for whom you are praying.)

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and we sing our amen...

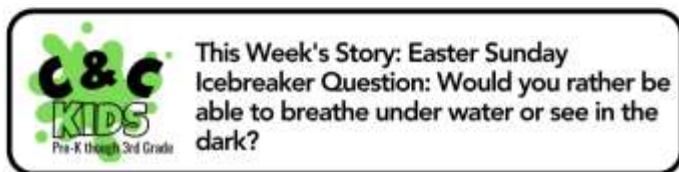
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(Children may head out for C&C Kids)

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**



Welcome Home and Announcements *(See back page for additional announcements.)*

THE WORD

John 20:1-18

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

THANKSGIVING

(Please be seated)

Choir Anthem

The Stone Is Rolled Away

Johnson

The stone is rolled away, hallelujah! The stone is rolled away! The Lord is risen from the grave, the stone is rolled away! The stone is rolled away, hallelujah! The stone is rolled away! The Lord is risen from the grave, the stone is rolled away! Let all Christians give thanks and sing; shout your praises to our King! The grave lost its victory and death, its sting, the Lord has risen indeed! The stone is rolled away, hallelujah! The stone is rolled away! The Lord is risen from the grave, the stone is rolled away! The stone is rolled away, hallelujah! The stone is rolled away! The Lord is risen from the grave, the stone is rolled away! He is risen! Hallelujah! He is risen, glory hallelujah! The stone is rolled away, He is risen from the grave! The stone is rolled away!

(Please stand)

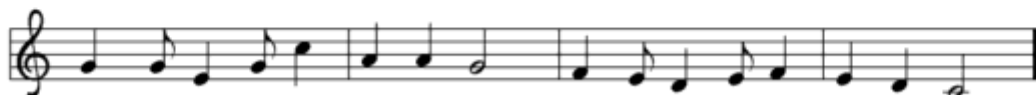
Offertory Hymn

674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Linstead



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: **We renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **We renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **We renounce them.**

- P: Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**
- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

COMMUNION

Come to the Table— Everyone's Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

The 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.

OR

Our Father, who is of heaven,
 Holy is your name
 Your kingdom come
 Your will be done
 On earth as it is in heaven
 Give us today our daily bread
 And forgive us our trespasses
 As we forgive those who trespass against us
 And lead us not into temptation
 and deliver us from evil
 For yours is the kingdom
 And the power, and the glory
 now and forever, Amen.

Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

Heart Won't Stop

McMillan

Verse 1

There is not a man or a beast
Nothing on the land or underneath
Oh nothing that could ever come between
The love You have for me

Pre-Chorus

I could lay my head in sheol
I could make my bed
At the bottom of the darkness deep
Oh but there is not a place I could escape You

Chorus

Your heart won't stop coming after me
Your heart won't stop coming after me
Your heart won't stop coming after coming after me

Verse 2

There is not an angel of the stars
There is not a devil in the dark
Oh nothing that could change the way You are
The love You have for me

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

The Benediction

P: He is Risen!

C: **He is Risen indeed!**

P: He is Risen!

C: **He is Risen indeed!**

P: He is Risen!

C: **He is Risen indeed!**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill us with great joy. Almighty God, Father,
✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Old Church Choir

Wedgeworth, Hulse, Williams

Verse 1

There's revival and it's spreading

Like a wildfire in my heart

A Sunday morning hallelujah

And it's lasting all week long

Can you hear it, Can you feel it

It's the rhythm of a gospel song

Oh once you choose it you can't lose it

Pre-Chorus

(Oh 'cause) There ain't nothing

There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Chorus

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul

I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful

I've got a heart overflowing

'Cause I've been restored

(No) there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Verse 2

When the valleys that I wander

Turn to mountains that I can't climb

Oh You are with me You never leave me

Pre-Chorus

(Oh 'cause) There ain't nothing

There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Bridge

Clap your hands and stomp your feet

'Til you find that gospel beat

'Cause He's all you'll ever need, All you'll ever need

Clap your hands and stomp your feet

'Til you find that gospel beat

'Cause He's all you'll ever need, All you'll ever need

Interlude

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul

I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful

Ending

Oh there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Sending

L: Go in peace. He is Risen!

C: **He is Risen indeed!**

Postlude

Gabriel Luza, trumpet

Easter Blessings

GIVEN BY:

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Dennis & Annette Downey

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Lorna Muzevich

Allison Muzevich

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Bill & Heidi Rhyne

Laura & William Schwager

Gina Simpkins

Larry Stratemeyer &

Michael Lehtinen

Joe & Criss Uzman

Reneau & Laura Van Landingham

Wellborn Family

Julie Wright

IN HONOR OF:

To the glory of God & our grandchildren- Sarah Golliver,
Geoff Golliver, James Golliver & Jackson Tobin

Noelle Bollinger

To the glory of God!

To the glory of God!

Mrs. Susan Rhyne

To the glory of God!

My church family

Anne, Brandon, Oliver, David, Jordan, Bryan, Christian,
Grayson & Matt

To the glory of God!

IN MEMORY OF:

Joan & Chuck Angevine

Tom Skrodzki

Kelly Davis

Our parents

Opa, Grandpa Jim & Grandma Carol

Madison Carter, Susan Wike, Henry & Marian Wike

William & Lula McKoy, Josef & Sigrid Eybl

Mark Faries

Dear family & friends

Jean Line, Larry & Pat Youngren

Our loved ones

Gary Hersey, Kristen Hersey

Cornelia "Lia" Tittel, Sonja Tittel

Rachel & Kyle

Our parents

Nancy Dozier, Margaret McCollom

Roy & Adda Waal

For the family we miss & will see in heaven

Frank Phelps

The Rev. & Mrs. John Johnson, The Rev. William Rhyne, Jr.,
Mrs. Edith Moore

Joel Barnes, Annie Laurie Wood

Patricia Goss

Our parents & friends Mark & Leigh Ann Duda, Mary Smith

Our son Ian, & grandson Austin

Natalee, Sue Schwartz, Reneau Van Landingham, Sr.,
David & Marcy Jacomet

John Boyle

George O. Wright, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Leon Martin

SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

April 19: Rooted Sunday

This is our version of Sunday School! It is an interactive experience led by one of our members, sharing their gifts with the younger generation. Children will experience the Biblical foundations through hands on fun activities. Confirmation for Middle School & Youth Group for High School meet during this time, too.

May 2: Family Meet-Up: Strawberry Picking

Join us for strawberry picking and fun at Hall Family Farm! 2-5 pm
All families are welcome! (445 W Rebound Rd, Lancaster, SC 29720)

May 3: Rooted Sunday

May 16: Bake for Youth Bake Sale

May 17: Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser & End of Year Party

June 21- 26: Lutheridge (Kairos- Middle School, especially 6th Grade) Week

July 12-17: Gathering Expedition Camp- 7th-12th Grade

July 26-31: Youth Mission Trip Spark'Dwell- 6th-12th Grade

SUMMER SERIES!

Join us for 4 special Sundays of food, fun & faith for all ages! This is our church-wide VBS with lunch provided, themed activities, worship, kids & adult programming, and a service project! Don't miss it — come grow, serve, and celebrate together!

SUN, SOIL & SOUL: A SUMMER OF GROWING IN FAITH

MAY 31

Dig In!

Let's Dig In and Make a Difference & When We Dig In Together, Something Good Begins to Grow.

JUNE 28

Filled to Overflow

Filled by God. Flowing for Others.

JULY 19

Grow Together

Faith Takes Root in Community.

AUG 16

Sow & Go!

Sharing Faith. Spreading Hope.



Week at a Glance

Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 8

7 am- Breakfast Club
6 pm- WNH Dinner
6:45- Handbells
7:30 pm- Choir

Thursday, April 9

7:45 am- Men's Bible Study
7 pm- Miriam Circle

Friday, April 10

4:25 pm- Walking Club

Sunday, April 12

8:15 am- Worship
9 am- Coffee Hour
9:15 am- Adult Sunday School
10:15 am- Worship

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister:	Christine Meiss
Acolyte:	Rori White
Communion Assistants:	Hugh Kluttz, Susan Arcuri
Usher:	Garry Rudolph, Helen McLiverty
Communion Set-up:	Kim Kirk
Greeters:	Brittany Wellborn
Nursery Assistant:	Amanda Hayes
C&C Kids:	Pastor Melody & Kia Smith
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