

# Welcome to Lake Avenue Baptist Church

April 5, 2026



Introit - Now the Green Blade Rises (311) *Soloist Only*

*Now the green blade rises  
from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in the dark earth  
many days has lain;*

Introit - Now the Green Blade Rises (311) *Soloist Only*

*Love lives again,  
that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again,  
like wheat that springeth green*

Introit - Now the Green Blade Rises (311) *Choir Only*

*In the grave they laid him,*

*Love who had been slain,*

*Thinking that he never*

*Would awake again.*

Introit - Now the Green Blade Rises (311) *Choir Only*

*Laid in the earth*

*Like grain that sleeps unseen:*

*Love is come again,*

*Like wheat that springeth green*

# Introit - Now the Green Blade Rises (311) Congregation Joins In

Forth he came at Easter,

Like the risen grain,

Jesus who for three days

In the grave had lain;

# Introit - Now the Green Blade Rises (311) Congregation Joins In

Quick from the dead

My risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again,

Like wheat that springeth green.

Introit - Now the Green Blade Rises (311) Congregation Joins In

When our hearts are wintry

Grieving, or in pain,

Jesus' touch can call us

Back to life again,

Introit - Now the Green Blade Rises (311) Congregation Joins In

Fields of our hearts

That dead and bare have been:

Love is come again,

Like wheat that springeth green.

## Centering Words

- “Resurrection is always a mystery, always a miracle, but often we do not recognize resurrection when it comes to us. When all that separates and injures and destroys is overcome by that which unites, heals, and creates in the ordinary routine of our daily lives, resurrection has taken place.”
  - Dorothy Harvey

# Good Mornings

**Ma gwa na ni** (Shona), **Ming galaba** (Burmese), **Mwah be you ay** (Bembe), **Mbote** (Lingala), **Jam bo** (Swahili), **Na Dam Ma** (Chin), **Gaw Ler Gay** (Karen), **Buenos Dias** (Spanish), **Bonjour** (French), **Zǎoshang hǎo** (Chinese), **Kaja Na Ai Ee** (Jinghpaw Kachin), **Te Rya Beh Tee** (Karenni), **Mauri** (Kiribati), **Oo-ya Morgen** (Flemish)

## Announcements

- Gather for lunch following service
- Aging Joyfully and Gracefully Group meets tomorrow at 1pm
- April 12: Susan Maybeck's last day - Retirement celebration following service
- April 19: Adult Education starts again

# Call to Worship

One: This is the day hope tiptoes us awake;

**All: light guides us through the shadows.**

One: This is the day the Holy One plants joy in our winter hearts;

**All: drowns out despair's cries with laughter.**

One: This is the day God has made, the day grace does cartwheels in  
graveyards;

**All: resurrection wonder outshines the brightest sun;**

**An empty tomb fills us with good news.**

# Opening Hymn - Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (302) 1-4

Christ the Lord is risen today,

Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say,

Alleluia!

# Opening Hymn - Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (302) 1-4

Raise your joys and triumphs high,

Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens and earth reply,

Alleluia!

# Opening Hymn - Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (302) 1-4

Love's redeeming work is done,

Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won,

Alleluia!

# Opening Hymn - Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (302) 1-4

Death in vain forbids him rise,

Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise,

Alleluia!

# Opening Hymn - Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (302) 1-4

Lives again our glorious King,

Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Alleluia!

# Opening Hymn - Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (302) 1-4

One he died our souls to save,

Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave!

Alleluia!

# Opening Hymn - Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (302) 1-4

Soar we now where Christ has led,

Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head,

Alleluia!

# Opening Hymn - Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today (302) 1-4

Made like him, like him we rise,

Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

Alleluia!

## Opening Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns (327)

Crown him with many crowns,

The lamb up high on his throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

## Opening Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns (327)

Awake, my soul, and sing

Of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

## Opening Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns (327)

Crown him the Lord of life,

Who triumphed o'er the grave,

And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

## Opening Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns (327)

His glories now we sing,

Who died, and rose on high,

Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

## Opening Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns (327)

Crown him the Lord of peace,

Whose power a scepter sways

From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.

## Opening Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns (327)

His reign shall know no end,

And round his pierced feet

Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

## Opening Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns (327)

Crown him the Lord of love;

Behold his hands and side,

Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

## Opening Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns (327)

All hail, Redeemer, hail!

For thou hast died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

# Children's Message



## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

- Invitation to Offering
- Ministry of Music
- Doxology
  - **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**
- Blessing

# Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- 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.**

## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10 (French)

1 Après le sabbat, comme le jour commençait à poindre le dimanche matin, Marie de Magdala et l'autre Marie se mirent en chemin pour aller voir la tombe.

2 Tout à coup, voici qu'il y eut un violent tremblement de terre : un ange du Seigneur descendit du ciel, s'approcha de la tombe, roula la pierre de côté et s'assit sur elle.

3 Il avait l'apparence de l'éclair, et ses vêtements étaient aussi blancs que la neige.

## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10 (French)

4 Les gardes furent saisis d'épouvante : ils se mirent à trembler et devinrent comme morts.

5 Mais l'ange, s'adressant aux femmes, leur dit : Vous autres, n'ayez pas peur ; je sais que vous cherchez Jésus, qui a été crucifié.

6 Il n'est plus ici, car il est ressuscité comme il l'avait dit. Venez voir l'endroit où il était couché.

## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10 (French)

7 Puis allez vite annoncer à ses disciples qu'il est ressuscité. Et voici : il vous précède en Galilée. Là vous le verrez. Voilà ce que j'avais à vous dire.

8 Elles quittèrent le tombeau en hâte, tout effrayées, mais en même temps remplies d'une grande joie, et elles coururent porter la nouvelle aux disciples.

## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10 (French)

9 Et voici que, tout à coup, Jésus vint à leur rencontre et leur dit : Salut à vous.

Elles s'approchèrent de lui, lui embrassèrent les pieds et l'adorèrent.

10 Alors Jésus leur dit : N'ayez aucune crainte ! Allez dire à mes frères qu'ils doivent se rendre en Galilée : c'est là qu'ils me verront.

## Hymn - Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (315)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Of triumphant gladness

God hath brought forth Israel

Into joy from sadness

## Hymn - Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (315)

Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke

Jacob's sons and daughters,

Led them with unmoistened foot

Through the Red Sea waters.

## Hymn - Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (315)

'Tis the spring of souls today;  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun hath risen;

## Hymn - Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (315)

All the winter of our sings,  
Long and dark is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.

# Hymn - Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (315)

Now the queen of seasons, bright

With the day of splendor,

With the royal feast of feasts,

Comes its joy to render;

# Hymn - Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (315)

Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.

# Reflection on the Word - Sifa



## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10 (Burmese)

ဥပုသ်နေ့လွန် ခုနစ်ရက်တွင် ပဌမနေ့ရက်မိုဗ်းလင်းအံ့ဆဲဆဲအချိန်၌၊  
မာဂဒလမာရီနှင့် အခြားသော မာရီသည် သင်္ချိုင်းတော်ကို  
အကြည့်အရှုသွားကြ၏။

ထိုအခါ မြေကြီးသည် ပြင်းစွာလှုပ်လေ၏။ အကြောင်းမူကား၊  
ထာဝရဘုရား၏ ကောင်းကင်တမန် သည် ကောင်းကင်ဘုံမှ  
ဆင်းလာ၍၊ တွင်းဝဉ္စပိတ်သောကျောက်ကို လှိမ့်လှန်ပြီးလျှင်၊  
ထိုကျောက်ပေါ်မှာ ထိုင်နေ၏။

## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10 (Burmese)

သူ၏မျက်နှာသည် လျှပ်စစ်ကဲ့သို့ထင်၏။ အဝတ်သည်လည်း  
မိုဗ်းပွင့်ကဲ့သို့ ဖြူ၏။

လူစောင့်တို့သည် ကောင်းကင်တမန်ကို ကြောက်ရွံ့သဖြင့် တုန်လှုပ်၍  
သေမတတ်ဖြစ်ကြ၏။

ကောင်းကင်တမန်ကလည်း၊ ကြောက်ရွံ့ခြင်းမရှိကြနှင့်။  
လက်ဝါးကပ်တိုင်မှာသတ်သော ယေရှုကို သင် တို့ရှာကြသည်ကို  
ငါသိ၏။

## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10 (Burmese)

ဤအရပ်၌မရှိ။ မိန့်တော်မူသည်အတိုင်း ထမြောက်တော်မူပြီ။ လာကြ၊  
သခင်လျောင်းတော်မူရာ အရပ်ကို ကြည့်ကြလော့။

အလျင်အမြန်ပြန်သွား၍ သေခြင်းမှ ထမြောက်တော်မူကြောင်းကို  
တပည့်တော်တို့အားပြောကြလော့။ သင်တို့ ရှေ့ဂါလိလဲပြည်သို့  
ကြွတော်မူမည်။ ထိုပြည်၌ သင်တို့သည်ကိုယ်တော်ကို  
တွေ့မြင်ရကြလိမ့်မည်။ ငါပြောပြီဟု ထိုမိန်းမတို့အား  
ကောင်းကင်တမန်ဆို၏။

# An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10 (Burmese)

ထိုမိန်းမတို့သည်လည်း ကြောက်ရွံ့သဖြင့်၎င်း၊ အလွန်ဝမ်းမြောက်သဖြင့်၎င်း၊  
သင်္ချိုင်းတော်မှ အလျင် အမြန်သွား၍ တပည့်တော်တို့အား  
ထိုသံတင်းစကားကို ကြားပြောခြင်းငှါ ပြေးကြ၏။

လမ်းမှာသွားကြစဉ် ယေရှုသည် ကြိုဆိုတော်မူ၍၊ သင်တို့အား  
မင်္ဂလာဖြစ်စေသတည်းဟု မိန့်တော် မူ၏။ ထိုမိန်းမတို့သည် ချဉ်းကပ်၍  
ခြေတော်ကိုဘက်ယမ်းလျက် ပြပ်ဝပ်ကိုးကွယ်ကြ၏။

ယေရှုကလည်း ကြောက်ရွံ့ခြင်းမရှိကြနှင့်။ သွားကြလော့။ ငါ့ညီတို့သည်  
ဂါလိလဲပြည်သို့ သွားစေခြင်း ငှါ ဤသံတင်းစကားကို ကြားပြောကြလော့။  
ထိုပြည်၌ သူတို့သည် ငါ့ကိုတွေ့မြင်ရကြလိမ့်မည်ဟု မိန့်တော်မူ ၏။

# Special Music - Rochester Myanmar Christian Church Singers



# Reflection on the Word - Pastor Christopher



## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10

1 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

2 And 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.

## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10

3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow.

4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10

6 He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,[b] and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”

8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.

## An Ancient Word - Matthew 28:1-10

9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Hymn - In the Bulb There is a Flower (707) (“Hymn of Promise”)

In the bulb there is a flower;

In the seed, an apple tree;

In cocoons, a hidden promise:

Butterflies will soon be free!

Hymn - In the Bulb There is a Flower (707) (“Hymn of Promise”)

In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

Hymn - In the Bulb There is a Flower (707) (“Hymn of Promise”)

There’s a song in every silence,  
Seeking word and melody;  
There’s a dawn in every darkness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.

Hymn - In the Bulb There is a Flower (707) (“Hymn of Promise”)

From the past will come the future;

What it holds, a mystery

Unrevealed until its season,

Something God alone can see.

Hymn - In the Bulb There is a Flower (707) (“Hymn of Promise”)

In our end is our beginning;

In our time, infinity;

In our doubt there is believing;

In our life, eternity.

Hymn - In the Bulb There is a Flower (707) (“Hymn of Promise”)

In our death, a resurrection;

At the last, a victory,

Unrevealed until its season,

Something God alone can see.

# Reflection on the Word - Pastor Rick



Closing Hymn - Up From the Grave (322)

Low in the grave he lay,

Jesus my Savior,

Waiting the coming day,

Jesus my Lord!

## Closing Hymn - Up From the Grave (322)

Up from the grave he arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.

Closing Hymn - Up From the Grave (322)

He arose!

He arose!

Hallelujah!

Christ arose!

Closing Hymn - Up From the Grave (322)

Vainly they watch his bed,

Jesus my Savior!

Vainly they seal the dead,

Jesus my Lord!

## Closing Hymn - Up From the Grave (322)

Up from the grave he arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.

Closing Hymn - Up From the Grave (322)

He arose!

He arose!

Hallelujah!

Christ arose!

Closing Hymn - Up From the Grave (322)

Death cannot keep its prey,

Jesus my Savior,

He tore the bars away,

Jesus my Lord!

## Closing Hymn - Up From the Grave (322)

Up from the grave he arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.

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