

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: APRIL 12, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: The 50-day Easter season (Eastertide) lasts from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, celebrating Jesus' resurrection, his post-resurrection appearances for forty days, and the descent of the Holy Spirit. It serves as a time for new believers and committed Christians to deepen their understanding of faith, discipleship, and the mission of the Church.

Prelude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

***Easter Proclamation:** Alleluia! Christ is risen! *He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

***Opening Song (Stand) # 323** "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

***Opening Prayer (Stand)**

Song of Faith # "Resurrecting" **Worship Team**

Confession & Assurance of Pardon[±]: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice,[a] even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials...for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." Let us rejoice in the good news, "in Christ, you have been forgiven!"

Alleluia # 272 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" *HYMN TO JOY*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Nancy Lindberg

The First Reading **Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

The Second Reading **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** **John 20:19-31**

***Responsorial (Stand) # 66** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" *OPEN THE EYES*

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3rd Grade)

Announcements, Prayers of the People, and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Offertory

***The Doxology # 668** "Doxology" *OLD HUNDREDTH*

A Prayer of Illumination & Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Hymn (Stand) # 521** "Faith Is the Victory" *SANKEY*

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

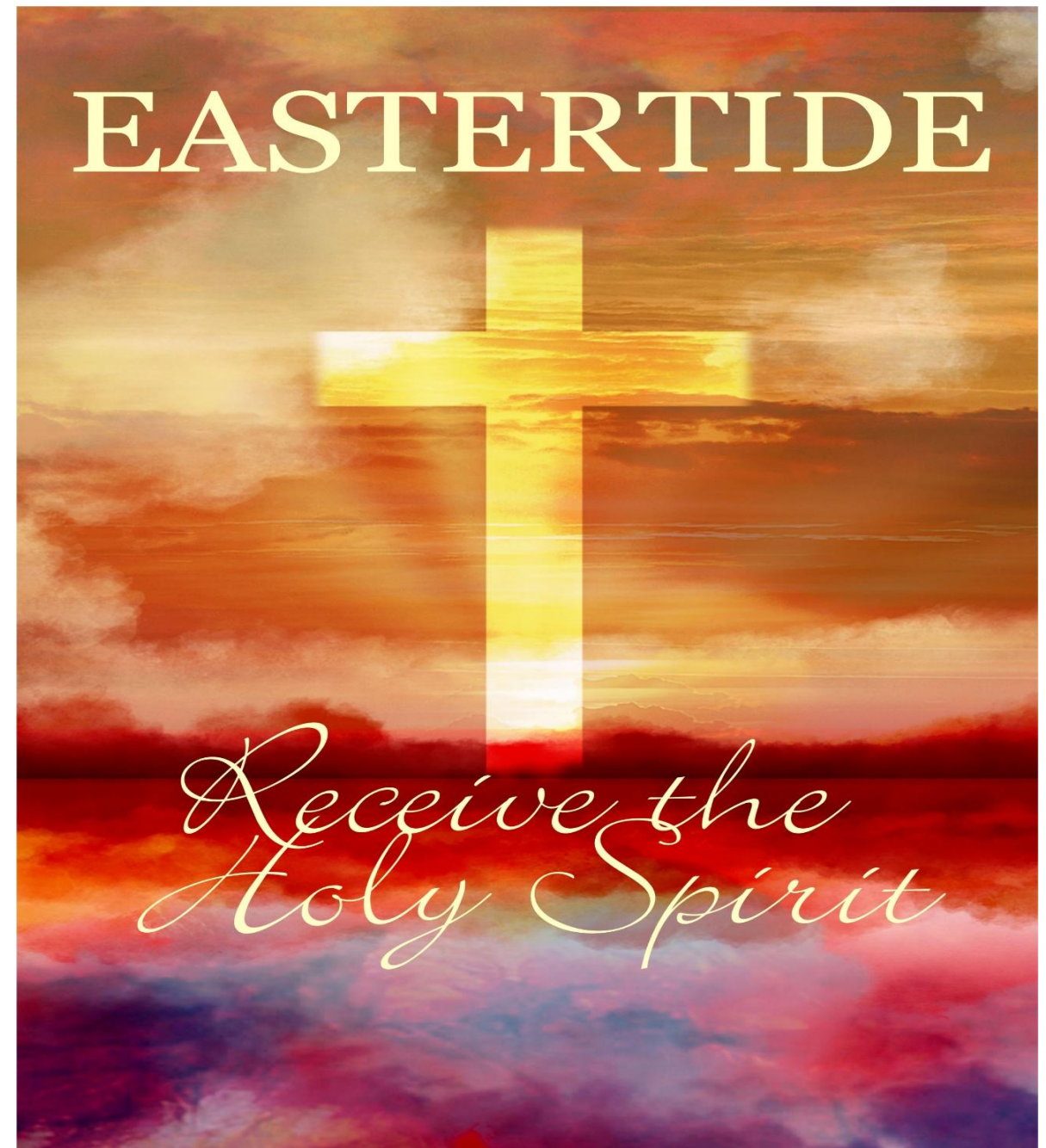
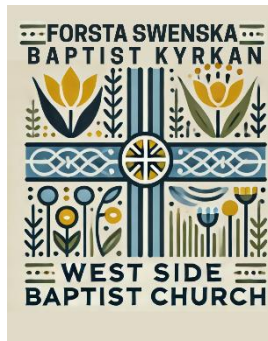
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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