

SUNDAY April 26, 2026

9:30 AM

Welcome members, friends, and visitors! In this hour, may you find fellowship and experience the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign the Guest Book and complete a welcome card. Please join us for coffee and fellowship following worship.

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER WORSHIP

Those who are able are invited to stand. *Indicate times for ushers to seat worshippers. As a courtesy to other worshippers, please silence your cell phones. Thank you.*

Welcome to Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church for a time of worship. Greet each other in Christian love being mindful of those who need some time for quiet meditation.

The Chimes Call Us to Worship

Prelude "How Great Is Our God" Chris Tomlin
~~ During the prelude take time to "Be still and know that God is Lord." ~~

Greetings Pastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Announcements Amy Thibodeau, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

LEADER: Each one of us has been claimed by God, our Good Shepherd.

PEOPLE: **God is our shepherd. We shall not want.**

LEADER: Easter continues, for Christ lives in us.

PEOPLE: **Jesus came so we might have abundant life.**

LEADER: Daily, we receive God's goodness and mercy.

PEOPLE: **Our cup overflows with God's generosity.**

*Gathering Hymn #358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Verses 1, 2 & 4

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer:** As we come before the Lord in worship, let us come in faith, confident that God will hear, and the Holy Spirit will bless. Let us pray: **Loving God, call our names and claim us as your own. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Comfort those who suffer pain and loss. Assure all who are afraid. Lead us in right paths**

for your name's sake. We have known your goodness and mercy in so many times and places. **Open our eyes now to receive those gifts again. Open our hearts so we may respond to Christ's voice leading us homeward. In gratitude for all your blessings, we lift our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us, saying...**

**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.
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. Amen.**

Bell Choir "Morning Has Broken" Arr. B. Ingram

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Majesty" Stuart Garrard

*Doxology #34 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
**"Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

*Offering Prayer

Bell Choir "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Arr. B. Ingram

Children's Moments (Children leave for Sunday School after Children's Moments.)

Prayer Hymn #473 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Verse 1

A Time of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Response #490 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Scripture Lesson

John 10:1-10
Acts 2:42-47

Sermon "Lead Us Homeward"

* Closing Hymn #440 "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Verses 1, 2 & 4

Postlude "Praise Is Rising" Paul Baloche

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God!

...and you shall be called ministers...”

Ministers: all members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

Worship Leaders: Amy Thidbodeau

Organist: Margery Jones

Choir Director: Margery Jones

Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond

Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb

Secretary: Beth Lamarre



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Monday 7:00 PM – Executive Board Meeting.
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Please keep in Prayer ...

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*Prayers for all our Service Men & Women, and for peace
for our country.*

Ongoing Projects

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(Please no lollipops or peanut candies like Reese's Pieces, Peanut Butter Cups, Mr. Goodbar etc.)

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3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
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