

WORSHIP GUIDE

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2026 • 8:30AM

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment." But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, "Raca," is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell. "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. "It has been said, "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce." But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made." But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply "Yes" or "No"; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. "You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "So when you fast, do not wear a gloomy and sad face like the hypocrites, but rather, after you wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen, and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not do much more for you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye," when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For anyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you, then, though you are evil, knows how to give good gifts to your children, how to others what you would have them do to you, for the same up the Law and the to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Yet I tell you that not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does what the Father says. Many will say to me on that day, "drive out demons and in your name perform many from me, you evildoer!" Therefore everyone who hears these words of man who built his house on winds blew and beat down. When Jesus had amazed at

OPENING MUSIC

Ju Young Lee, Worship & Music
"Partita on *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*" John A. Behnke
Theme and Cantabile

WELCOME

Jonathan Hicks, Executive Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Ancient Words" Lynn DeShazo
Mikayla Price, soloist

**Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
come to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
they resound with God's own heart; O, let the ancient words impart.**

REFRAIN

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True" Number 663
Lasst uns erfreuen

God's holy ways are just and true, His promises are ever new:

O praise Him, alleluia!

Let every heart with praises sing and make this house with voices ring:

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bring back to mind His grace and love, our needs provided from above:

O praise Him, alleluia!

He kept His word and Jesus came to make a people for His name:

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tell once again His deeds of old, the story of our mighty God:

O praise Him, alleluia!

For all His glorious works and ways we shall rejoice through endless days:

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Melissa Schaser, Groups

MUSICAL OFFERING

“True Light”

Jeanna Semler, soloist

Chancel Choir
Keith Hampton

SERMON

Emily Hamilton, Teaching Pastor
Scripture – Matthew 5:13-16

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Music at Communion

“Communion Meditation”

“Fugue on *Passion Chorale*”

Victor C. Johnson
Brenda Portman

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” (stanzas 1,3,4)

REFRAIN

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Number 287
Crucifer

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (REFRAIN)**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (REFRAIN)**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (REFRAIN)**

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

“Partita on *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*”
Fantasia

Ju Young Lee, organ
John A. Behnke





UPCOMING EVENTS [LEARN MORE AT CPCEDINA.ORG/EVENTS](https://cpcedina.org/events)

May 3 | CPC Arts Series Concert @4PM

May 4 | Colossians Class @9:30AM

May 21 | Young Adults Happy Hour @5:30PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Offering

This Easter, CPC's offering will support World Vision's work to bring clean water, trained health workers, and life-saving care to rural health clinics around the world. Go to cpcedina.org/easter to learn more or to give to the Easter Offering.

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