Eastertide

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "He Is Lord"

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20	p.1824
Sermon: "Stand Firm"	Rev. Chad Van Ginkel
*Song of Response: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"	LUYH 426:1-3

We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Tuition Assistance Fund which helps support families who otherwise would still not be able to meet the financial obligations of Christian education.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

We are Sent with God's Blessing

Dedication to Holy Living: Joshua 1:9 p.332

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Peace Before Us"

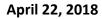
LUYH 923:1,2,4

Worship Participants Pastor: Rev. Chad Van Ginkel ✦ Piano: Mike Janssen ✦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries Banjo: Rob Haan ✦ Worship Leader: Dennis DeJong

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Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide, the "Great Fifty Days" that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

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God Gathers Us for Worship		Prayer of Confession Lord, we know you are with us always, even in times of death.	
Welcome		Lord, we believe;	
Welcome		Help us overcome our unbelief. We know that through Christ's death and resurrection, death is dead,	
Call to Worship: Psalm 84	p.922	Lord, we believe;	
*Songs: "Better Is One Day" "We Will Feast"	LUYH 506	Help us overcome our unbelief. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.	
We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.		We have not trusted you with our whole heart. We have not stood firm with unwavering faith.	
He has done great things, we will say togeth	er.	We have not always believed. Help us overcome our unbelief.	
We will feast and weep no more.		help us overcome our unbener.	
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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another		Song of Thanksgiving: "He Will Me Fast" 1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;	
*Song: "Amen (Because He Lives)"		when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.	
1. I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One;		I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;	
I believe I overcome by the power of His bloo	od;	for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.	
Chorus		Chorus	
Amen, amen, I'm alive I'm alive because He lives.		He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;	
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends be	cause He lives.	for my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.	
2. I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and I heard mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away.	-	2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.	
Bridge Because He lives, I can face tomorrow ;		He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (to chorus)	
because He lives; ev'ry fear is gone; I know He holds my life, my future in His hand. (to	chorus)	3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.	
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Call to Confession: Psalm 34	p.871		