

Earle Street Baptist Church

10:30 am Worship

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter Graduate Recognition/Youth Sunday

CHIMES

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World
Youth Handbells

arr. Bill Ingram

WELCOME

Chloe Gates

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a Joyful Noise
Youth Ensemble

arr. Taylor Davis

Make a joyful noise! Make a joyful noise! Make a joyful noise to the Lord all people,
Come join your voices to raise, letting every note that we bring in worship
Be filled with gladness and praise. God's steadfast love made all earth's people,
And in love's pasture God leads us along,
So let's lift our voices as one together with joyful noises and song.

Make a joyful noise! Make a joyful noise! Make a joyful noise to the Lord all people,
Let's swell the courts as we sing, lauding all the wonders of Love's Creator
With all the noise we can bring. God's steadfast love endures forever
And with thanksgiving the gates open wide,
So the joyful noises of all creation in God's great heart may abide,
In God's great heart may abide (make a joyful noise)!

INVOCATION

Wells Smith

*HYMN OF PRAISE #310

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

(All children, grade 5 and under, may come forward on the final stanza.)

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother—all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, bringing all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;**

Joyful music leads us sun-ward, in the triumph song of life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Owen Wilkinson/Jane Leo

(Following this, preschoolers, ages 3 – K5, may go to Sunday School.)

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Gary Strickland

*OFFERTORY HYMN #368

CLONMEL

We Praise You With Our Minds, O Lord

**We praise You with our minds, O Lord, kept sharp to think Your thoughts;
Come, Holy Ghost with grace out-poured, to teach what Christ has taught.
In all our learning may we seek that wisdom from above
Which comes to all: the brave, the meek, who ask in faith and love.**

**We praise You through our bodies, Lord, kept strong to do Your will;
Your Spirit's temples, which afford a means to praise You still.
We give ourselves, a sacrifice, to live our lives for You;
For You alone have paid the price to bring salvation true.**

**We praise You in our hearts, O King, kept pure to know Your ways;
And raise to You a hymn to sing eternally Your praise.
Although adoring hearts will bow as age on ages roll;
We praise You in our beings now, mind, body, heart, and soul.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bob Walker

OFFERTORY

Look At the World
Youth Ensemble

by John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.
(Refrain) Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.
(Refrain)

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold:
(Refrain)
Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and his the heavens above:
(Refrain)

*RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TESTIMONY

Serenity Hayes

GOSPEL READING

Mac Wilkinson, Josiah Rau, Sam Savage

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet

by Robert Ray

Chloe Rau and Wren Smith, soloists

Youth Ensemble and Sanctuary Choir

(Refrain) I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour,

He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee

For all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.

He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.

I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.

One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

(Refrain)

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh;

And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

(Refrain)

MESSAGE

"The Whole You"

Gary Strickland

Sermon Series: *From One Generation to Another*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #682 *Christ Be My Leader*

SLANE

Christ be my leader by night as by day; safe through the darkness for He is the Way.

Gladly I follow, my future His care, darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth, drifting or doubting, for He is the Truth.

Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; death cannot hold me, for He is the Life.

Darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS Gary Strickland

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT Meredith Smith

*BENEDICTION Gary Strickland

*CHORAL RESPONSE *You Shall Go Out in Joy* by Michael Barrett
Youth Ensemble

(Refrain) You shall go out in joy, go forth with joyful singing.

You shall go out in joy, go forth with joyful singing.

You shall go out in joy, go forth with joyful music!

The trees will clap their hands! The mountains will rejoice;

The world will all shout alleluia!

The trees will clap their hands! The mountains will rejoice;

The world will all shout alleluia!

You shall be led forth in peace. You shall be led forth in hope.

You shall be led forth in love, love everlasting.

You shall be led forth in peace. You shall be led forth in hope.

You shall be led forth in love, love everlasting.

The desert sands will thrive; the garden bloom to life.

The seas will splash the story, sing for glory!

The nations will rejoice, creation lift her voice.

The morning stars will shine and shout, shout to the Lord,

Shout to the Lord! Shout alleluia!

(Refrain)

We shall go out in joy! Shout alleluia! Go out in joy!

*POSTLUDE *Passacaglia* by Gordon Young

*Congregation please stand, if able.

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Youth Ensemble & Handbells

Madison Hayes Reagan Patterson Chloe Rau

Serenity Hayes Wren Smith

Rosemary Cureton, accompanist

Acolyte—Peyton Zeiger

Deacon of the Week—Bob Walker

Greeters—Margaret & Bert Kirby/Campbell Moore/Norma Green

Sound Technician—Jay Gibson

Video Technician—Andrew Spivey

Ushers—Mary Arrowood, Glenn Arrowood, Dru Hester, Denise Plumblee, Roger Massengale, Quay Farmer, and youth

Preschool/Children's Volunteers—Rebecca Register, Amy Moore, Julie Rau, Margo Love, Meagan Crowson, Erin Baggett, Brittani Costanza, Anna Kay Lord, Bill Burt, Jane Leo, Noellen Groff, Jeannie Flowe, Gabe Carnes