

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP



April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday

*We invite you to silence your phones before the start of worship.
Please stand during the sections marked with an **

Gathering

Lighting of the Candles – Acolytes

** Please stand*

Welcome and Ministry Updates

Life on the Road

Praise

*The Call to Worship

Leader:

The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

Congregation:

We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

Leader:

Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

Congregation:

Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light.

Leader:

Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory.

All:

Alleluia! Amen.

Songs of Praise

- ♪ *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* - UMH 526
- ♪ *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* - UMH 133
- ♪ *In The Garden* - UMH 314 verses 1 & 2

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified dead and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead,
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen

*Giving Glory to God (*The Gloria Patri*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Listening for God to Speak

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Word in Song Angie Goodson

The Word Proclaimed Pastor Rena Knight
"Beyond the Tomb"

Invitation to Christ

***Hymn of Response**

- *Sweet Hour of Prayer - Instrumental*

Tithes and Offering Stewards

Celebrating God's Gifts

The ministry we share together comes to life through your generosity - each act of kindness, each moment of care, each life touched. Thank you for being part of the hope we bring to our community. If you feel called to give, we invite you to do so prayerfully. Every gift, no matter the size, makes an impact. You can also give online at www.cityroadchapel.org/give.

Giving Thanks for God's Gifts

*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*

Prayers of the Community

- Sharing of Concerns
- The Prayers of the People
- 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Choral Benediction - Sweet Sweet Spirit

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been
revived, When we shall leave this place*

Welcome to City Road Chapel

Welcome to City Road Chapel - we're so glad you're here! Whether this is your first visit or you've been part of our church family for years, we pray that today's worship fills you with joy, peace, and a renewed sense of God's presence.

If you're visiting with us, we'd love to connect! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you and help you feel right at home. You can also learn more about who we are and what's happening at www.cityroadchapel.org, and be sure to follow us on Facebook to stay in the loop on upcoming events and ways to get involved. 🙏