



Date: April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter
Theme: The Transformative Power of
the Word of God

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

Musician: Linda Kneeland

Audio/Visual: Nora Nixon

(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Sing Along with Rev. Kwon** ~ Friday April 24 @ 1:00 pm
- **Camp Caravan Summer 2026** Registration is OPEN! ~ Registration is now open for both campers (K-Grade 7) and Youth Crew. Please share with family or friends, they can register at www.camp-caravan.ca. If you have questions, please contact Barbara-Lynn (403 741 6710). Posters and promotional materials are coming soon.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

Enter into this sanctuary and know that you will find care and comfort.

That is why we are here.

Enter into this your community with a loving heart and with a spirit that is ready to build the kingdom of God.

That is why we are here.

Accept care when it comes your way, regardless of where your faith journey takes you.

That is why we are here.

Even when you encounter trouble, sadness, and rejection, know that you are never alone.

That is why we are here! Thanks be to God!

Éric Hébert-Daly, Executive Minister, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. Gathering, Lent Easter 2025-2026, 40. Used with Permission.

Light the Christ Candle

By telephone, by email, by text, by note, we send an invitation.

Upon their arrival, we direct our guests to the meal or activity.

When we light the Christ candle, we declare that it is the Light that cannot be extinguished, the fullness of grace that lights our life of faith.

This morning, we light this Christ candle as an invitation to respond to Jesus' call to "Come follow me," and welcome his direction for our lives.

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***Hymn See the Morning Sun Ascending VU#406**

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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

The tomb is empty, and we meet you, O Risen Christ, unexpectedly in the ordinariness of our daily lives.

You are with us in sadness and heartbreak, as you were with Mary on her way to the tomb and as you were with the two travellers to Emmaus.

It is in these times of trouble, difficulty, and sorrow, when you reveal yourself to us in your risen glory, that we confess, "Did not our hearts burn within us?"

We pray for forgiveness when we do not recognize you in the faces of those around us, in our neighbourhood, or in our own faith community.

Help us to trust that you will be with us on our road to Emmaus.

Now, make yourself known to us by your presence and through your holy scriptures as you did to your disciples, as we open our hearts in confession:

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Emmaus is any place, any time, when Christ appears to us, is present with us, and travels with us in undeniable reality.

Emmaus, the experience of the risen Christ, keeps on happening. Christ joins us on all our journeys! Easter is ours!

Amen.

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***Hymn As We Walked Home at Close of Day VU#184**

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Prayer of Illumination

Revealing God, may the delight of the shared word stir us to new understandings.

When it seems confusing, grant clarity.

When it is complex, simplify the concepts.

Help us to experience the awe and wonder of your holy message. We ask in the name of the Beloved Christ, the

Word. Amen. *Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C. Gathering, Lent Easter 2026, 45. Used with Permission.*

Scripture Readings: Malcolm Fischer

Acts 2:36–41: Three thousand new followers of the Way.

1 Peter 1:17–23: Souls purified through obedience.

Luke 24:13–35: Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus.

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1)

(being seated)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *Called by Earth and Sky* MV#135**

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Invitation for Offering

***Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
VU#541**

Offering Prayer

ALL: Generous God, we have brought these offerings for the work of your church, here and in other places.

We bring also our desire to be your people in word and deed.

We ask your blessing on all of our offerings: time, talent, and treasures.

May our offering be a blessing to others and to us.

Amen.

Beth W Johnston, while at Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask. Gathering, Lent Easter 2026, 46. Used with Permission.

Prayers of the Gathered Community

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* VU#664**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude