

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Is your cell phone off? Thanks for checking.*

APRIL 26, 2026

10:00 A.M.

***With doors wide open**, we welcome all to come and discover how  
God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,  
our community, the world and with God.*

***With arms wide open**, we welcome all who are looking for something more,  
who have questions, who want to make a difference as  
they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.*

***With hearts wide open**, we welcome you.*

**PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*(cf. Psalm 23)*

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

**People: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the day of my life, and  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

\*HYMN # 399 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: ***In Unison***

*Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against  
your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the  
needy.*

*Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: #579 Hymnal "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. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "The Stone is Rolled Away"

*by Victor Johnson*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:

Genesis 15:1-6

Pew Bible, page 13

NEW TESTAMENT:

Romans 4:1-3, 13-25

Pew Bible, page 1093

SERMON TITLE:

“Faith”

Jeff Prey

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN #361 “How Firm a Foundation”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: Hymn #111 “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

*Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY – CHURCH SUPPORT

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY: “Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”

\*THE DOXOLOGY, #592 Hymnal

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN # 379 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

CHORAL AMEN:

PASSING THE PEACE: “*May God's peace be with you.*”

POSTLUDE

*Worship has ended; let Service begin.*

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Lay Reader this morning is Mary M.

*~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~*

*Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us next Sunday.*

*Scripture Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4, Psalm 22; Mark 9*

*Sermon Title: “WHY?”*

**APRIL 26, 2026...** *During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. Chancel flowers are a great opportunity to honor, or remember loved ones and to celebrate special occasions. If you like to sign up, the flower chart is located in the office hallway or call the church office to make arrangements. Welcome Packets can be found at either door and are available for visitors, also available to take and share with your neighbors or anyone else, so as to introduce them to the church. Please feel free to visit our website [www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org](http://www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org), or call the church office if you have any questions.*

**OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ...** Please keep the following people in your prayers: Carol, Sylvie, Darrell, Jen, Cindy, Charlie and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit, and all those going through difficult times.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ...** *are given to the glory of God and in memory and celebration of Leslie Nielsen's birthday by Brooke Jennings and family.*

**COFFEE HOUR...**

Today: Heather F. & Richard K.  
Next: Deborah H.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**

April 26 Max K.  
29 Cliff C.  
Aerie L.  
Warren O.  
May 1 Lindsey H.  
2 Alyson M.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...**

April 30 Suzie & Randy E.

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER ...** If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine L. 922-3126.

**This week...**

<b>Today</b>	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Wed 4/22	House M.T. Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sun 4/26	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.

**Coming Up...**

Thrift Fair Set-up	April 28 - May 1
Thrift Fair	May 2
Deacons Meeting	May 5
Community Dinner	May 9
Mother's Day Communion Worship	May 10
Bookies	Tuesday, May 12
IHNC Awards Dessert	May 18

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**“FAITH”**

Introduction: which god...?

- I. What About Works...?
  - A. quid pro quo
  - B. easy to fall into
- II. So, About that “Moral Perfection”
  - A. in biblical times
  - B. in ours
- III. Simply Trust
  - A. worked for Abraham
  - B. “works for me”

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected and delivered to local food pantries. Please place your food donations at the front of the church. Blue Bags are available in the vestibule. Your donations are greatly appreciated, Thank you!

## We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No  
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.  
 we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 You are near And seek where You are found:  
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

## How Firm a Foundation

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FOUNDATION 11.11.11

"K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787  
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

American folk melody  
Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly  
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an-chor  
 whelm-ing flood; When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is  
 Him be found, Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

*Refrain*

lean on Je - sus' name.  
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All  
 all my hope and stay.  
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.