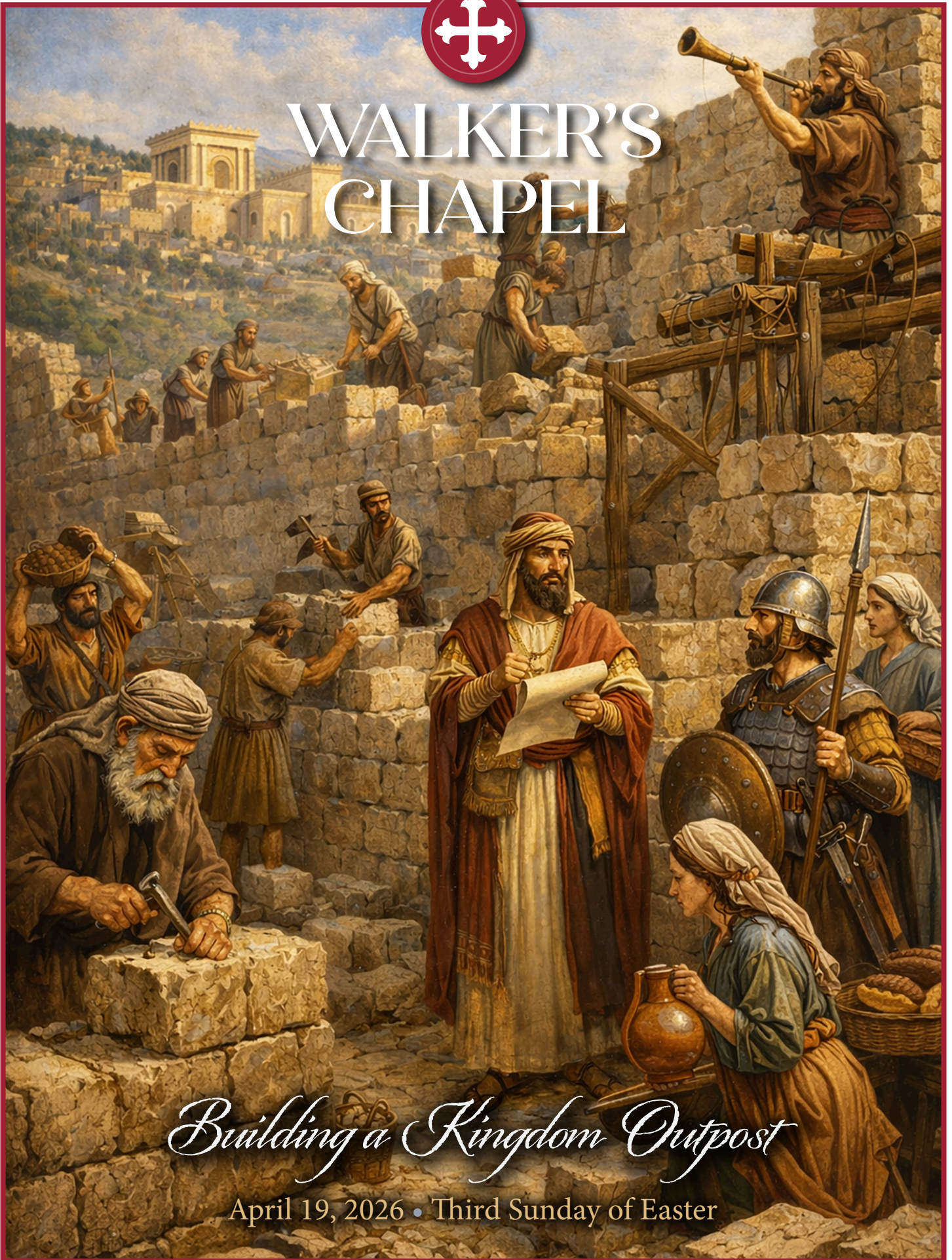




WALKER'S CHAPEL



Building a Kingdom Outpost

April 19, 2026 • Third Sunday of Easter

Service of Worship

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Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

Words of Greeting

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves,

and the rulers take counsel together,

against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

“Let us burst their bonds apart

and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs;

the Lord holds them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

“As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;

today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son,

lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise • All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (Hymnal, 296)

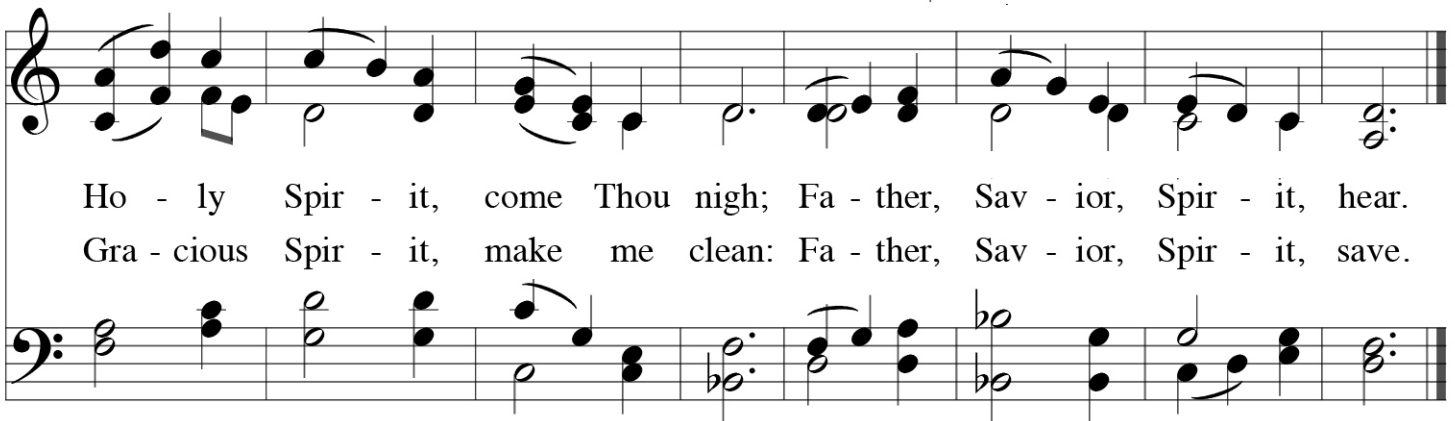
God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Hymn of Prayer • Holy Father, Hear My Cry, vv. 1-2



1. Ho - ly Fa - ther, hear my cry; Ho - ly Sav - ior, bend Thine ear;
2. Fa - ther, save me from my sin; Sav - ior, I Thy mer - cy crave;



Ho - ly Spir - it, come Thou nigh; Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, hear.
Gra - cious Spir - it, make me clean: Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, save.

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Prayer of Confession • Matt 6:10; Matt 6:19-21; Matt 6:25; 2 Cor 5:20; Phil 3:20; Jas 4:4

Leader: Father, you have taught us to pray that your kingdom would come and your will be done, yet we have often sought our own kingdoms instead of yours.

People: We pursue our desires rather than your reign in our lives.

Leader: You have warned us not to store up treasures on earth, yet our hearts cling to earthly security and comfort.

People: We trust in what we can see rather than in your heavenly provision.

Leader: You have called us to live as your ambassadors, yet we have been conformed to the world and silent about your truth.

People: We have loved the approval of man more than faithfulness to Christ.

Leader: Teach us to seek first your kingdom and to live as citizens of heaven here on earth.

All: Strengthen us to represent Christ faithfully in this world, until your kingdom fills the earth. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • Colossians 1:13-14

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise • A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Hymnal, 92)

God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

Colossians 1:9-23

“... [W]e have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Sermon

Building a Kingdom Outpost – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

Hymn of Faith • Jesus Shall Reign (Hymnal, 441)

Profession of Faith • 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;
that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,
God making his appeal through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Prayers of Petition, Praise, and Thanksgiving

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, forever. *Amen*

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Hymn of Consecration • Take My Life and Let it Be (Hymnal, 585)

Benediction • 1 Peter 2:9-10

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” *Amen*

May You Be Strong

Women:

Men:

May you be strong in His pow - - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives wor - thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - - er, And find joy in His ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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