

APRIL 19, 2026

Second Sunday of Eastertide
at Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Organ Prelude

Debbie Smith

Partita on "O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing!"
by Wilbur Held

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Litany for Easter
by Gordon Young

Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

*Opening Sentences of Worship

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

People: Break forth into joy! Sing together! God comforts those whose hearts are broken in sorrow.

Leader: We who once suffered in death, we who once cried in despair—

People: Now we know victory over death! Now we know joy over despair!

All: For God has raised Christ from the grave! The tomb is empty and death has been defeated for all the earth!

*Hymn of the Resurrection No. 204

Congregation

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
PUER NOBIS

*Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers

Amy Hirsch

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Mark Rector

*Offertory Hymn

Congregation

O For a Heart to Praise My God
AZMON

(Sing from the printed insert.)

Offertory Reading

Joel Burks

1 Corinthians 13:3 (NIV)

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We Present Our Offerings to God

Congregation

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(All children are invited to meet Mr. Ethan at the pulpit during The Doxology for the Children's Message. Children 3K-5K will go to Preschool Worship following the Children's Message. If you are a guest and would like for your preschooler to go to Preschool Worship, please meet Mrs. Wendy in the Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)

Children's Message

Ethan McVay

The Reading of God's Word

Amy Hirsch

Mark 7:14-23 (NIV)

Choral Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

God Is My Refuge and Strength
by Allen Pote
Libby Phillips, conductor

Refrain: God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word. We are his hands. He will lead us. He is the air. We are his song. We will celebrate his presence all the day long. **Refrain**

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the rain. We are the stones. He will cleanse us. He is the air. We are his song. We will celebrate his presence all the day long. **Refrain**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Ethan McVay and Congregation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only begotten 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 now sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whom he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and everlasting life. Amen.

Message

“Tending Your Heart”
Deuteronomy 4:9-14
pg. 128 (pew Bible)

Mark Rector

***Hymn of Response No. 383**

Near to the Heart of God
McAFEE

Congregation

Closing Words

Mark Rector

***Choral Benediction**

Proclaim the Good News!
by Kely Hatley

Sanctuary Choir

Go and tell the world that Jesus, the Lord, is risen, is risen from the dead!

Organ Postlude

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
arr. Michael Helman

Debbie Smith

*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see a greeter for assistance.

*The flowers on the altar are given in celebration
of the marriage of Ansley Platt Bennett and James Boyd Dobson Jr.
at Mountain Brook Baptist Church on April 18, 2026.*