

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN

Brian Rohr - Music

Pastor Loren Olson

April 19, 2026

10:00 AM

**We Approach God
Prelude**

***Call to Worship:**

L: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

L: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

L: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimpse of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

P: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

L: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

P: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

***Hymn No. 239**

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

*** Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, we yearn for your love and grace. We seek your wisdom and guidance. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others. Forgive us. Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Grace:**

L: Children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you.

P: God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen

We are Inspired by God

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 34:1-8

L: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

L: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

L: Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

P: This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble.

L: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

P: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581 *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*

Scripture Lesson:

1 Peter 1:17-23

Pg 282 NT

Luke 24:13-35

Pg 109-110 NT

Message:

Eye Openers

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Hymn No. 451

"Open My Eyes that I May See"

We Respond to God

***Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles Creed (in Unison)**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call for Offering: Anything \$20 or less is counted for our loose offering and goes toward supporting local and international church mission.

Offertory

***Doxology No. 606**

Prayer of Dedication:

Our risen Christ, you walk with us even when we don't recognize you. You speak, and our hearts burn within us. You break the bread, and our eyes are opened. Today, we bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and hope. May our giving reflect the joy of being found, the wonder of Resurrection, and the call to share good news. Use these gifts to kindle faith, feed the hungry, and proclaim your presence in every Emmaus moment. Amen.

***Hymn No. 353** *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

***Benediction**

***Hymn 541** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" (v.1)

*** Postlude**

WELCOME VISITORS.

* Please pray for: Bill Stromme, Mike & Carol Prenzlow, Bill Kase, Rosemary Horseman, Howard Gransee, Ruth Allen, Joyce Olson, Dick Wolff, Jack Heisermann, Jim Stucky and Dick Hewitt for strength and healing.

* Please remember to pay per capita. This year the amount is \$43.75 per member. The church is responsible for the amount whether members pay or not. Thank you for contributing.

*We are collecting frozen meals for the high school KoMet pantry for April. Pot Pies, Uncrustables, frozen dinners, etc., items can be left in the church freezer, and Nicky will take them to school. The kids who use the pantry know the First Presbyterian Church!

Events:	Sun. April 19	Worship Service @ 10:00 AM
	Tues. April 21	Session Meeting @ 5:30 PM
	Wed. April 22	Earth Day
	Fri. April 24	Arbor Day
	Sun. April 26	Worship Service @ 10:00 AM



Sunday, April 19, 2026

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