

Anchored in the Risen Christ

This Easter I've been drawn into a Bible book I once all but ignored, the epistle to the Hebrews. This rich "word of exhortation" (13:22)—which many commentators believe originally was a sermon—helps us understand the "why" of Easter. Why the empty tomb, and what's it good for? Hebrews bridges the gap between Jesus' agony on the cross and His resurrection, which launched Him into His reign as our eternal and victorious High Priest.

This is way more than propeller-head theology. Let me explain.

Every Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The empty tomb is not only proof that Jesus lives, it is also the foundation of a believer's faith and hope in a troubled world. In Hebrews 6:19–20, the writer gives us a beautiful picture of what the risen Christ means for our daily lives:

"We have this hope as an *anchor* for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus our *forerunner* has entered on our behalf. He has become a *high priest* forever in the order of Melchizedek."

This short passage points to three specific assurances Christ's resurrection provides us for navigating every season of life:

Our Anchor for the Soul First, the resurrection assures us that our hope is an anchor for the soul. An anchor keeps a ship steady in the midst of storms and shifting currents. News headlines, personal struggles, uncertain futures and the world's brokenness at times turn all of our lives into the high seas.

But a Christian's hope is not moored to circumstances. It is anchored in Christ Himself. Because Jesus rose

from the dead, our faith rests on something secure and unshakable. The resurrection tells us that sin has been defeated, death has been conquered, and God's promises cannot fail. When life feels chaotic, the believer can hold firmly to this anchor.

Our Forerunner The writer of Hebrews then gives a second image, saying Jesus has gone before us as a "forerunner on our behalf." We think of a forerunner as someone sent ahead to prepare the way for others, like John the Baptist did for Jesus. Here the imagery goes deeper and has a very specific meaning in ancient nautical language. A forerunner was a harbormaster of that time. He was a sailor who would hoist a large ship's anchor up into a smaller boat, then pull the ship safely into harbor along the anchor's line. The ship was sure to arrive safely because its anchor was already there. This is exactly what Jesus has done for us. Our souls can rest secure because our anchor (Jesus) has gone ahead to the Father and is pulling us safely to our eternal home.

Our High Priest In all of Israel, only one individual could venture into the presence of God "behind the curtain" in the sanctuary: The High Priest. In the Old Testament, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies alone. And only once a year, never without blood (9:7). The people waited outside. After His resurrection and ascension, Christ entered the true heavenly sanctuary—into the presence of God Himself. But He did not enter for His own sake; He entered for ours, as "our merciful and faithful High Priest" (2:17). But Jesus has opened the way permanently.

Because He lives, with all of life's joys and trials notwithstanding, our way into God's presence is secure.

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Welcome to East Hill Church of Christ, a place where you can discover the gospel!
 Please, don't hesitate to let any of the greeters or ministers know how we can serve you.

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

- C** April
 5 Children's classes combined for Easter lesson
A 12 Deacon Appointment
 18 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
 18 Ladies' Craft Day 2-8 pm in FH
L 19 Building Set-up for Clothing Give-away sorting at 5:30
 20-23 Clothing sorting from 9a-9p
E 22 Devo in lieu of all Bible Classes
 24 Final push and clean up for Clothing Give-away 9a-5p
N 24 6-8p East Hill Give-away time
 25 8-noon Community Giveaway
D 25 Spring Clothing Giveaway
 28 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
A 29 New Song Night in lieu of adult classes
May
R 1 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
 9 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
 26 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am

FriendSpeak: Do you know someone who would like to have conversational English lessons? Have them call our FriendSpeak hotline: 402-710-0042

- 4/6 Reese Suhr
 4/6 Damon Keller
 4/7 Noah McNeese
 4/7 Lexi Lacina
 4/8 Allan Huskins
 4/9 David Kretz
 4/10 Lisa Bonde
 4/11 Candi Woods
 4/11 Marilyn Brown
 4/11 LaRee Eckman
 4/11 Allison Mogul
 4/6 Greg & Candi Woods

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Special Children's Bible Class Event: TODAY the children's classes will have a combined Easter lesson and celebration during the Bible class time. All children (birth-5th grade) will meet in the main room downstairs.

Spring Food Drive: It's time for the Mountain State Children's Home (MSCH) spring food drive. Donations can be left behind the information table in the foyer until Sunday, April 19. Due to Colorado Health Regulations they cannot accept food that is past its labeled expiration date. Please check dates to be sure they dates won't run out before they get it. There are lists on the bulletin board to take with you with both needed items and ones they have an abundance of.

Communion Preparation: Diana Kretz is looking for some more sign ups for the communion preparation for May and following. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board under the TV in the foyer. If you have questions please see Diana.

Spring Clothing Give-away: Set up for our spring clothing give-away will begin in just two weeks! We will transform the fellowship hall and foyer on April 19 at 5:30. If you can help move things and put up signs please make plans to join us that evening. We will begin sorting and hanging clothes on Monday morning at 9 am. The sorting and hanging will go on daily 9 am to 9 pm through Thursday. Please schedule what time you can here and there to come and help! On Friday, we will take care of the last large donation and then clean up the space to be ready for our "shoppers," the kind that come without money! Church family is invited to come shop Friday evening from 6-8 pm. The main event community giveaway will be on Saturday from 8 am to noon. We would like to have lots of people to help with greeting during that event! We have a sign up for that at the QR code to make sure we have the whole morning covered. The final push is to clean up and set our building back up for worship beginning at noon. To power the clean up crew Harold and Deena Tandy will make pizza. If you plan to come to clean up and would like pizza please sign up at the QR code so we have enough! I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Larry and Kareen Light who have helped with the presorting the last few years. They will be stepping down from that work after this give-away. If you would like to joint the whole crew that is going to be needed to take over for them, please see Michele Briggs for more information.

Then Jesus said to all of them, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

East Hill 2026 Theme Verse—Luke 9:23 (NIV)

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Prayers:

Please continue to pray for **Dan and Laura Cole**. Dan continues in an induced coma to aid healing following the emergency surgery last Saturday to repair an aneurism where he had quadruple bypass surgery two weeks ago.

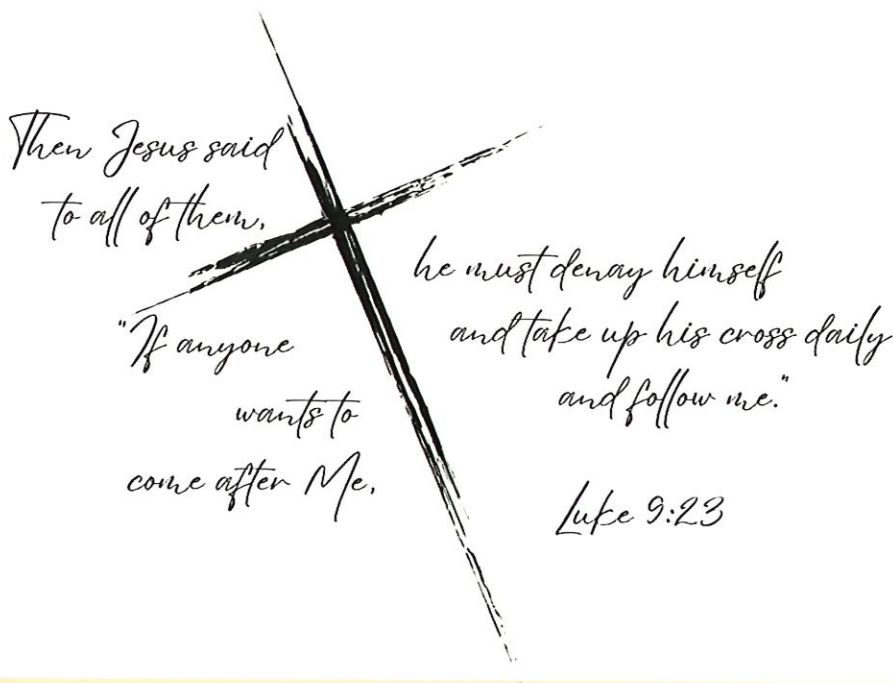
Lynda Smith has requested prayers for her grandson, Dezmond. He has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

LaRae Melvin asks for continued prayers for her Mom, Wanda Stark. Wanda was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is scheduled for surgery on April 9. The doctor is not expecting her to need chemo or radiation.

Brenda Mersch had knee replacement surgery in Geneva on Monday. She was recovering in Geneva this week and was scheduled to come home on Friday.

Body Life:

Did you notice our verse for this year is up on the wall in the auditorium now? Thank you to the **Tremaine family** for getting it up there!



Weekly Events

Attended Nursery: You can drop off children ages 0 up to 2 years in the nursery during services.

Service at Legacy Square: There is a service for the residents of Legacy Square in Henderson at 2:30 each Sunday.

Youth Updates: To stay current with Youth Group activities, sign up for the "Band" announcements.



Women's Thursday Class meets on Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 in the fellowship hall. Deloris Hartman is bringing a study on Anxiety.

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Prudence (good judgment) – *I wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion.*
~Proverbs 8:2

Daily Bible Readings

Sun 4/5-1 Sam 28; 31; 2 Sam 1; 4:41, 1 Chron 10:13-14

Mon 4/6-2 Sam 2-5:5; I Chron 11:1-3; 12:23-40

Tue 4/7-2 Sam 5-6:11; ch22; I Chron 11:6-9; 13-14:17; Ps 18

Wed 4/8-2 Sam 6:12; 1 Chron 15:1-29; 16:1-36; Ps 96; 105

Thu 4/9-2 Sam 6:20-23; 7:4-29; 8:15-18; 9:1-13; I Chron 16:37-43; 17:1-2

Fri 4/10-2 Sam 11:1-27; 12:1-17; 21:15-22; I Chron 18:1; 19:1-19; Ps 51; 60

Sat 4/11-2 Sam 8:2-12; 12:18-23; ch26-31; 23:9-17; I Chron 11:10-11, 20-47; 18:12-13

Sun 4/12-2 Sam 12:24-25; ch 13; 14:1-24; I Chron 3:4-9

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Worship 10 am, livestreamed on Facebook
Bible classes for all 9 am
Sunday evening 5 pm, communion available

Wednesday

Adult Class 6:30 pm (livestream-East Hill's Facebook)
Children's Class 6:30 pm (drop off 6:20, pick up 7:15)
MS & HS Huddle 6:20-7:20 pm

For the Record:	March 29, 2026
Weekly Attendance:	285
<u>Weekly Giving</u>	
Budgeted:	\$7,482.33
Actual:	\$8,335.52
Children's:	\$20.00
<u>Year to Date</u>	
Budgeted:	\$97,270.29
Giving:	\$95,555.78
Children's for Ecuador:	\$629.72

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Jodie Yunevich

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Dan & Julie Goodwin

Administrative Assistants

Michele Briggs 9 am-noon

Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30

Missionaries in Ecuador

Joshua & Julie Marcum

Michaela, Eliana, Jana, Enoch

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Tim Carr

Michael Case

Ron Kretz

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Mark Miller

Todd Sheldon

Steddon Sikes

Eric Tremaine

Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

Deacons -----Area of Service

Marty Barrett ----- Benevolence

Trey Colle ----- Emergency Meals

Troy Flynt ----- Treasurer

Trent Hinton ----- Livestream

Larry Light ----- Single Seniors

Jeff Shafer ----- Worship Support

Ken Van Gimple ----- College Ministry

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This truth is not only about having our sins forgiven and going to heaven someday. Jesus intended it to transform us and determine our steps today. In a broken world filled with fear and uncertainty, believers can walk forward with steady confidence. Our anchor is already in the presence of God. Our Savior is already there, representing us, interceding for us, and pulling each one of us into our heavenly home.

Easter reminds us that our faith is not wishful thinking, hoping it's all going to work out. "Faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the certainty of what we do not see." (11:1) So when storms come—and they will—we need not fret or drift. We hold fast to the risen Christ, our anchor, forerunner, and High Priest.

– Mark Miller

CAMPUS CONNECTION

College age Class: Dr. Pack's college age class will resume meeting today in the fellowship hall in room A-B. The topic this semester is "Parables of Jesus".

Sunday evening group: The small group that meets in Henderson on Sunday nights has wrapped up for this year.

Order of Worship

Death Cannot Hold Him

Worship Leader: Jared Pack

Behold Our God

Prayer: Ron Mogul Jr

Scripture Reading: Braden McNair

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

God Fulfills the Promise to David

Welcome

342 We Saw Thee Not

344 Low in the Grave He Lay

Man of Sorrows

Lord's Supper: Thomas Tandy

Children's Offering

464 Because He Lives

In Christ Alone

"Resurrection"

Mark 16:1-8

Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

346 He Lives

Shepherd's Prayer: Mark Miller

Body Life: Titus Robison

Memory Verse: *I Corinthians 15:57*

Hymn of Heaven

Blessing