



Pastor  
**James**

What was Jesus thinking? This is what often comes to my mind while thinking about Jesus building his church. In Matthew 16, Jesus tells Peter, "On this rock, I will build my church." Many people, I think especially our Catholic brothers and sisters, believe that Jesus meant it was on Peter and the followers of Jesus that the church would be built.

This makes some sense as the church is more about the people than a building, which is what regularly comes to peoples' minds when they hear the word "church." The people who make up the church, just like Peter and the disciples, are flawed and broken. Sometimes, even as the church, we do not live out the love and grace of Jesus.

We must remember that Jesus was not talking about Peter or the disciples. Jesus was pointing to what Peter said. Peter said that Jesus was "the Messiah, the son of the Living God." It was on that truth about Jesus that he was actually going to build on. That truth is not meant to harm or confuse people. That truth is to give people new life and set them free.

In our April message series "Living Church" we are going to look at how we can live in the truth of Jesus and be the kind of church he wanted to build. We will look through the Book of Acts at the original gathering of people we today call the church.

I hope you will join us and consider ways we can grow the church today.

*In Christ, Pastor James*



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## WORSHIP

Scripture says, “The Lord inhabits the praises of His people.”

At Christ Church, we love spending time in his presence with his people. One of the ways we achieve this is through music. On Sunday, April 21, at 6 PM, our Modern band will host a Modern Night of Worship. These nights of worship always revolve around the presence of God and often have a more intimate feel than a Sunday morning. For this night of connection, we will focus on the Holy Spirit and how God can change our lives. We want to see you all on this impactful evening.



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Pastor  
**Helen**



### Peace in the Chaos

It was a busy Christ Church weekend for families with kids and there were some moments that it could have felt chaotic. If someone saw the long line on Saturday of families out the front doors waiting to sign up for egg hunt times or Sunday, 30 kids and passing out palm branches before the Palm Sunday processional, they might have described it as organized chaos.

It was two wonderful days that created memories not only for families with children, but also those who volunteered at the Egg-Cellent Easter Egg Hunt and everyone at Palm Sunday worship. I wanted to share a peaceful moment from each of those events. I am glad that God opened my eyes to see them in the midst of a busy weekend.

During the Egg Hunt, I had a preschooler, that more than anything else, wanted to hide eggs so other kids could find them.

On Palm Sunday, one child was not pleased with their palm because it looked dirty and right away another child offered to trade with them. It was a sweet moment to witness how quickly she resolved the issue and gave up her palm.

My prayer is that we can all find those peaceful moments that God gives us in the busyness of our lives. I Corinthians 14:33a “For God is not a God of chaos, but of peace.”

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Egg-Cellent Hunt on Saturday and Sunday’s Kids @ Christ Church!

