

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC *Andante* Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

\* UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTERTIDE (Hymn 245, v.1)  
*Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!*  
*Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply. Alleluia!*

\* OPENING SENTENCES Joel Egertson  
May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Jesus said: You did not choose me, but I chose you.  
**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet come to believe.**  
Christ is risen!  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\* HYMN 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” LINSTeAD

\* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!  
**We are not alone!**

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION  
Gracious Lord, we have sinned against God and neighbor, through thoughts, words and deeds, in what we have done and left undone. Deliver us from fear and anxiety, and from proud hearts and vain desires. Help us to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to humbly follow the pathway of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON I John 1:1-7 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.238)

SOLO *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* George Croly  
Cynthia Holzheimer, organ arr. Dick Bolks

\* GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.115)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 547, v. 1)  
*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.*  
*Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.*  
*In my love’s baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.*  
*Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

SERMON “Blessed Are Those Who Hear” Dr. Butler  
“These stories have been written down so that you will come to believe.”

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

\* HYMN 684 “Faith Begins by Letting Go” LUX PRIMA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Psalm 116 from the Tablature Book (1659)* Anthoni van Noordt

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see insert)*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\* HYMN 249                      “Because You Live, O Christ”                      VRUECHTEN

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* DEPARTING MUSIC    *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn* BWV 630    Johann Sebastian Bach  
*The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.*

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,  
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor  
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

10 a.m.

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