

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC *Praeludium in C, BWV 846* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE

* **UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER SEASON** (Hymn 485, v. 1)

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold.
And our despair, he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

* **GREETING AND OPENING RESPONSES** (I Peter 1:3)

May the grace and peace of the Risen Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
God has given us a new birth into a living hope.
Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Amen.

* **HYMN 240** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" ALLELUIA

* **ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

UNISON CONFESSION

God of mercy, we know that we are fallible and far from perfect. For the wrong we have done, the suffering we have caused, for the good we have refused to do, we ask your forgiveness. Wash us in your merciful grace, so that we love you above all else, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON I Peter 1:17-23 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.236)

ANTHEM *On Emmaus' Journey* William Moore

Elianna Gorman, Christopher Moyer, and Landon Vincel

Who are you? Our hearts are opened in the breaking of the bread. Christ the victim, now the victor, living, risen from the dead! Great Companion on our journey, still surprise us with your grace! Make each day a new Emmaus, on our hearts your image trace! Who are we who travel with you on our way through life to death? Women, men, the young, the aging, wakened by the Spirit's breath! At the font you claim and name us, born of water and the word. At the table, still you feed us, host us as our Risen Lord! "Alleluia! Alleluia!" is the Easter hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our worship as the gift of love we bring. You have formed us all one people, called from every land and race. Make your church your servant body, sent to share your healing grace!

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.90)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones, to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.*

AN EASTER MESSAGE Christopher Moyer and Elianna Gorman

"The Good in a World of Evil"

"While they were walking and talking, Jesus came near and went with them..."

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* **HYMN 252** "Day of Arising" RAABE

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

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 *O God, You Are My God, Step by Step* David Strasser
Youth Ensemble

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 738** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Psalm 19, The Heavens Declare* Benedetto Marcello
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the 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

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

10 a.m.
