

## Order of Worship for April 12 2026

Please take time this morning to sign the Friendship Pads. It's a great way for us to remind neighbors in the pews of our names, and to share contact information with the church office!

### Gathering

#### Prayer of Preparation

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked,  
draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds  
where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Welcome

Rev. Chris Nation

Prelude

“The Strife Is O’er”  
Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart, organ

arr. Wilbur Held

### Praising

Prayer of Invocation

Ross Jenkins, Liturgist

#### \*Call to Worship

—from Psalm 89:1-4

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**People: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**People: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

**People: ‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

#### \*Hymn No. 575

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

# Confessing

## Call to Confession of Sin

### Confession of Sin

—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

### Assurance of Pardon

—Jeremiah 33:8

**Leader:** I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,  
**People:** **And I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.**

## Proclaiming

### \*Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, p. 571

### \* Scripture Response

**Leader:** God, we thank you for your Word,  
**People:** **The story of your grace, the record of your love.**

### Sermon Series: Following Jesus in Real Life

**Message** “Called to Worship”

Rev. Dr. Jim Shultz  
Lead Pastor

## Responding

### \*Hymn No. 538

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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## Prayers of the People

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.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution  
Communion of God's People  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Offertory

8:30 "Variations of 'Beautiful Savior'" David N. Johnson  
Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart, organist

11:00 "Take My Life" arr. Kaiser  
Chancel Choir

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love,  
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,  
always, only, for my King.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

**\*Offertory Response**

[tune found at Hymn No. 81]

“Glory Be to God the Father”

REGENT SQUARE

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit, God forever three in one,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, While eternal ages run.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Sending

### Commissioning the Rebuild Team

working with Samaritan’s Purse in North Carolina

Denise Hall, Mary Lewis, Mary Gorman, Danielle Kyriakos, Dan and Pam Morris,  
Jeanette and David Peevers

**\*Hymn No. 933**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Toccata from Symphony #5”

Charles-Marie Widor

Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart, organist

The flowers are placed in honor of our 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.

Bob and Mary Longenecker

Floral Arranger: Nancy Minnick

### Bonhomme Mission Partners:

**Local:**

The Freedom School  
The Haven of Grace  
Isaiah 58  
Oasis International Ministries  
Restore St. Louis  
Samaritan’s Purse

**International:**

Comfort Foundation [Russia]  
El Centro Integral [Honduras]  
Todd and Julie Hendry [Brazil]  
*Anonymous* [India]  
Ron and Lisa Redell  
[North Macedonia]  
Daniel and Sarah Puttcamp  
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