

Order of Worship Service – April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter

PRELUDES	Canon in D – Johann Pachelbel Prelude on ‘Darwall’ – Healey Willan
WELCOME	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
OUR RESPONSE – HYMN #809	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (OLD HUNDREDTH)
OPENING PRAYER	
CHOIR	Take Time to Be Holy – Duane Blakely
HYMN	O Word of God Incarnate (AURELIA)
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 119:105-112 (ESV) Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation Response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
CHOIR	My Great Reward – K. Lee Scott
PRAYER OF BLESSING	
HYMN #312	How Sure the Scriptures Are! (DARWALL)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Dale Murphy Leader: <i>In our words, our silence, our actions, may our motivation be, Alleluia, Christ is risen!</i> Congregation Response: <i>He is risen indeed!</i>
THE APOSTLES’ CREED – HYMNBOOK #14	(please stand)
SCRIPTURE READING	2 Timothy 3:10-17 (ESV) Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation Response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
MEN’S CHORUS	Thy Word – arr. Jack Schrader
MESSAGE	The Breath and the Book – Kenton Anderson
HYMN #311	God Has Spoken By His Prophets (ODE TO JOY)
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	Tuba Tune – C.S. Lang

Worship Leader	Belinda Knopf
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	Margot Sim
Piano	Kimberly Lapatha

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 19: Diane Hiebert-Murphy will be speaking on “Stop, Drop, and Roll” with scriptures Luke 24:13-35 and I Peter 1:17-23.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (Thomas Ken)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY (William Longstaff)

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord.
Abide in him always, and feed on his Word.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
And run not before him what-ever betide.

In joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in his Word.

Thus, led by his Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above. Amen

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE (William W. How)

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine,
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

O, make your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations your true light, as of old.
O, teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

PSALM 119:105-112 (ESV)

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to keep your righteous rules.

¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word!

¹⁰⁸Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your rules.

¹⁰⁹I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹Your testimonies are my heritage forever,
for they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹²I incline my heart to perform your statute
forever, to the end.

MY GREAT REWARD (Christopher Wordsworth)

Lord, be thy Word my rule; in it will I rejoice,
Thy glory be my aim, thy holy will my choice;
Thy promises my hope, thy providence my guard;
Thine arm my strong support;
Thyself my great reward. Amen

HOW SURE THE SCRIPTURES ARE (adapted from Psalm 119)

How sure the scriptures are! God's vital, urgent word,
As true as steel and far more sharp than any sword.
So deep and fine, at his control they pierce where soul and spirit join.

They test each human thought, refining like a fire.
They measure what we ought to do and to desire,
For God knows all – exposed it lies before his eyes to whom we call.

Let those who hear his voice confronting them today,
Reject the tempting choice of doubting or delay,
For God speaks still – his word is clear, so let us hear and do his will.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
The third day he rose from the dead,
He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17 (ESV)

¹⁰You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹²Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

THY WORD (Michael W. Smith/Amy Grant)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near,
Please be near me to the end.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God; I will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my Guide, and hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

GOD HAS SPOKEN BY HIS PROPHETS (George W. Briggs)

God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word,
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast,
God is king, his throne eternal, God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one.
Spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born,
Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.

God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word expounding God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast,
God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.