

April 19, 2026

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE For the Beauty of the Earth

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

**People: We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.**

Leader: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

**People: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

\*HYMN #267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy.**

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness. We are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FIRST READING

Acts 17:24-27

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM Would You Recognize Jesus?

SECOND READING

Luke 24:13-35

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON What is Jesus Doing?

SILENT REFLECTION

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*HYMN #250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE     Would You Recognize Jesus?

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*Graduating Senior Sunday*

*Join us on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our 2026 graduates and pray over them as they embark on new adventures! If you are a high school, college, trade school, or graduate school graduate or are the parent of a graduate, please reach out to Emma Kate Lander to ensure we have your name for our worship service.*

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