



April 12, 2026  
Order of Worship

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Welcome

### Prelude

*We Remember*

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

### Call to Worship

Meghan Walker

Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

**Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.**

Christ asks us if we love him.

**We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship**

Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

**Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others. Amen.**

### Opening Prayer

Meghan Walker

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

### Hymn

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

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## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

“Peace be with you!” Jesus said to his disciples, both those who saw and believed *and* the one who questioned. Today Jesus Christ also bestows his peace and presence upon us: “Peace be with you!” Amen.

## **Children’s Message**

Pastor Larry

## **Ministry of Music**

*Blessings*

Meghan Walker

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*All Praying*

**God of all wisdom, give us your Word and send us your Spirit so that we may know Christ. Amen**

### **Scripture Reading**

*John 21:1-14*

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.[a] It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

6 He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred

yards.[c] 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” 11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large

fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the

fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## **Response to the Word**

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Hymn**

*In the Garden*

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### **Sermon**

*"I'd Rather be Fishing"*

Pastor Larry

**Affirmation of Faith from I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20 found on page 888 in your hymnal and on the monitors.**

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

### **Morning Prayer**

Pastor Larry

### **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Meghan Walker

We are blessed with what the psalmist calls a "goodly heritage." We are disciples and heirs in the family of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. Let us give generously, so that others may know the faithfulness of Jesus, alive in our lives, alive in their lives, the very source of healing, joy, and delight.

### **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*I, the Lord*

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below:***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

Meghan Walker

**Jesus our Protector and Savior,  
we thank you for every gift you have given us  
that brings us delight and joy in this life.  
We thank you for every gift that comes to us  
in times of despair to lift us up  
and tend to our sorrows.  
May these gifts reach out to our world,  
that others may know your joy, your caring,  
your deep understanding of despair—  
and your Life that-defeats death. Amen.**

### **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*Hymn**

*He Lives*

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**\*Benediction**

Pastor Larry

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Go Forth for God*

**Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.**

**Postlude**

*Graves Into Gardens*

***UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE***

*1 Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!*

*Refrain:*

*Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*2 Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

*3 Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

## IN THE GARDEN

*I come to the garden alone  
while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear  
the Son of God discloses.*

### **Refrain:**

***And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.***

*2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice,  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me  
within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)*

*3. I'd stay in the garden with him  
though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe  
his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)*

## HE LIVES

*I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today  
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.*

### **Refrain:**

***He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart***

*In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last **Refrain***

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. **Refrain***