

HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN.

Living in a
Post-Resurrection
World

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Season of Easter through Pentecost - March 31 - May 19, 2024

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THE TABLE'S GOD GIVEN PURPOSE:

As followers of Jesus, we are guided by the Holy Spirit to affirm God's unconditional love and grace for all people by advocating for, serving and walking with one another and our neighbors.

OUR VISION

is to experience and extend God's transforming love by—

- Being in relationship with God, set free to share God's grace.
- Building authentic relationships within our faith community and with our neighbors through accompaniment and service.
- Aspiring to love like Jesus.
- Growing in faith through spiritual practices including worship, Bible study and prayer.
- Extending genuine hospitality, especially to the marginalized, those who have been hurt by the church and those who do not know God's love.
- Educating ourselves and others, advocating for, and implementing practices grounded in social justice.

BULLETIN ICONS can help you navigate the worship service:



indicates that the congregation will be speaking. The words that will be said together are printed in **bold** on your bulletin or on the worship supplement.



indicates a time of prayer. Some prayers will be spoken together while others will be spoken by a worship leader.



indicates a song to sing together.



indicates a time for quiet listening.



indicates a time when you may be asked to move around the worship space. The worship leader will give more instructions when it's time to move.

- * an asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit for this portion of the worship service.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** 

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

All: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

All: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**  

One: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Let us come before God with humble hearts and confess our sins.

All: We anoint the death of our dreams, even before we allow them a chance to live. We give up on hope so easily, on the expectation that God will do something incredible. God speaks through the strangers we encounter, but we don't hear, we don't want to be challenged by a new word. We don't risk enough to trust the messengers in everyday appearance. We don't dare ourselves to understand. Forgive us, God, for our disbelief— for seeing an empty tomb and thinking a cruel trick; for discovering a discarded burial cloth yet still holding to death; for hearing words of life but keeping them to ourselves. Restore us even in our unbelief.

(Pause for silent, personal confession and reflection)

One: Receive the good news with great joy! God's promises are true. We are forgiven; Christ has risen. Believe and be alive.

All: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG** 🎤

(printed on the weekly worship supplement)

***GREETING** 🗣️

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** 🗣️ 🙏

(printed on the weekly worship supplement)

***SHARING GOD'S PEACE** 🚶

SCRIPTURE READING 🗣️

(printed on the weekly worship supplement)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES 🚶 🗣️

(Children are encouraged to take a cushion from beside the pulpit and join Pastor Pam on the floor up front to learn more about today's Bible story)

SERMON 🗣️

***SERMON SONG** 🎤

(printed on the weekly worship supplement)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 🗣️

(from Bruce Prewer)

One: Together, let us affirm our faith:

**All: We believe in the debonaire God
who clothes the wild flowers
dressing them so superbly
that they outdo Solomon in all his glory;**

**who is the true Friend
of all creatures great and small.**

**We believe in the God of Christ Jesus
the Source of abundance,
full of grace and truth.**

**We believe in the extravagant God
who turns the other cheek,
goes the second mile,
turns water into the best wine,
brings healing with his every touch,
and who welcomes a woman's of love
as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.**

**We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ,
who sweated blood in an Olive Grove,
and kept the faith to the very end.**

**We believe in the redeeming God
who spared no cost,
forgave even his brutal crucifiers,
had time for a dying thief at his side,
and who on the third day
did a thing so prodigious
that even his friends were dismayed with joy.**

**We believe in the God of Jesus Christ,
the Source of abundance
wherever we turn
and no matter what we do.
Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 

OFFERING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together

All: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

& THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

One: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

(Please come forward to receive the elements. Take a cup from the tray then proceed to the pastor to receive the bread and the communion assistant to receive the wine.

If you would prefer, there are also sealed, pre-packaged wafer and juice combination cups on the tray. If you are not able to come forward but would like communion, please signal to the pastor or the communion assistant and we will be glad to bring it to you at your seat.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Let us pray

All: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

BLESSING

One: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

*SENDING SONG

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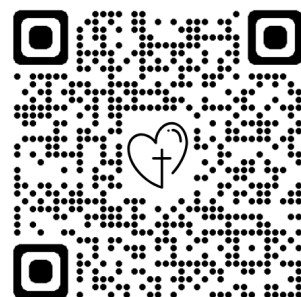
*SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

One: God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. We go out to follow Jesus in the world — to show and tell the good news of God to everyone.

All: Thanks be to God

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and serve the Lord!*