



**The Table**  
**ORDER OF**  
**WORSHIP**

for the  
Season of  
Easter

May 27 -  
June 1, 2025

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*If you would like to keep this bulletin, please feel free to do so. However, they will be reused each Sunday throughout this season so, if you do not wish to keep it, please return the bulletin to the table near the entrance. Thank you.*

### **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.



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.

## GATHER



### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Where people are gathered together in love:



**All: God is present and good things happen and life is full.**

One: We are immersed in God's mystery our lives are more than they seem:

**All: We belong to each other and to a universe of great creative energies, whose source and destiny is our God.**

One: God's spirit beat in the heart of Jesus of Nazareth:

**All: The good news of God's healing, embracing and liberating love was heard by the broken, the lonely and all bound by life's sorrows and struggles.**

One: The spirit of peace and hope is present with us and though us:

**All: In our struggle to love we incarnate God's holy presence in our world.**

One: And so, aware of the hurts and longings all of us carry, the awe and wonder that is around us, and the gifts of faith and this community of faith:

**All: We pause and we become ever aware of the sacredness of our lives.**



### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

One: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. It is our tradition to have a prayer of confession each week—not to harp on ourselves or to drum up guilt, but because we believe God is not done with us yet. So please join me in the prayer of confession, because God is always listening and God's grace is always full to the brim.

**All: When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us. When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see, forgive us.**

**When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us. Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to believe!**

*(Pause for silent, personal confession and reflection)*

One: Family of faith,  
if there is life after death,  
then we can be certain—  
there is life after mess.  
There is life after mistakes.  
There is life after doubt.  
There is new life freely given,  
and that life is for us.

We are forgiven, loved, and claimed.

**All: Thanks be to God, and let it be so. Alleluia! Amen.**



**\*GATHERING SONG** - *(printed on the weekly worship supplement)*



**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** - *(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.**



**\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

## **TRANSFORM**



**SCRIPTURE READING** - *(printed on the weekly worship supplement)*



**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

*(children are invited to come forward and learn more about today's Bible story  
and theme with Pastor Pam)*



**SERMON**



**\*SERMON SONG** - *(printed on the weekly worship supplement)*



**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** by Tim Graves, adapted by Pastor Pam

**All: We are a people on a journey.**



**We believe and we have doubts,  
we do good and we sin.**

**We are imperfect humans,  
and still beloved by God.**

**Love and grace. Hope and faith.**

**These are the essence of the one we call God.**

**We seek forgiveness and grace from  
the One and from those we've harmed.**

**Assured of that grace,  
we are ready to grow again.**

**We yearn for a new way,  
a new perspective,  
and a clear path.**

**Though we are full of trust  
and full of doubt, we are here. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **OFFERING**



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**One: Let us pray together:**

**All: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of  
grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that  
we may live as your risen body in the world. 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**

*(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: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,**

**and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
Amen.**

## **SEND**



### **BLESSING**



One: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection  
dawn, now and always.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*SENDING SONG** - *(printed on the weekly worship supplement)*



### **SENDING**

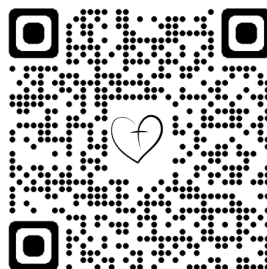
One: God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. We  
go out to follow Jesus in the world — to show and tell the good  
news of God to everyone.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord!*

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Bulletin Cover Art:

# Prepared

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Inspired by Luke 24:1-12

Paper lace

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.” (Luke 24:1-3, NRSV)

I recently read *Art and Faith* by Makoto Fujimura. Fujimura speaks of the beauty in particular moments in scripture: when the women enter the tomb, and when Mary, sister of Martha, pours oil over Jesus before his journey to the cross. Fujimura draws attention to these texts to anchor a discussion of the importance of beauty in faithful practice. God placed beautiful things on earth for us to give back to God in glory. We must consider when, where, why, and how we engage beauty. We must engage with beauty in our faithful practice.

In this paper lace art piece, the inside of a bowl is patterned with images telling the initial moments of the Easter story. This design depicts burial spices in patterns. Amidst the spice patterns, a sunrise emerges. At the top is an abstract image of the empty tomb.

This moment, the moment when the women arrive at the tomb, represents an act of holy, extravagant, expansive beauty. Imagine being there, arriving at daybreak, holding the spice bowl in your hands. The burial spices, nard and myrrh, were aromatic. The aromas of blood, oils, death, and spices fill the air. Imagine how it would have smelled. It was the work of the women to honor the body of the deceased; to honor the life he had lived, and they had loved.

How might we honor God with our practices of beauty? What materials do we need to gather and incorporate? How can we keep God centered in our creative endeavors?

—Hannah Garrity