

A Jubilee Service of Song, Word, & Table
April 26, 2026

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Dr. Daniel Cummings

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.

HYMN The King of Love My Shepherd Is UMH 138

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 2:42-47

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Let Us Not Become Weary Ben Kornelius Chancel Choir/Amanda Porter, soprano

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (vs 1,3)
TFWS 2223

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wisdom,
we confess the foolishness of our ways,
and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships –
with you and with others.
We have gone astray; we feel lost.
We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others.
We have failed to be generous toward the poor and have abandoned our efforts to bring
about justice.
We feel the stains of our sins, God;
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
Wash the sinfulness out of us
and help us to live more faithfully as your servants.
We seek your unfailing Lordship
and ask for your guiding hand on our lives.
You are the immortal, invisible One;
to you be honor and glory forever; amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful and loving God,
we thank you for never losing hope for us.
When we are lost, you are there on the lookout for us,
bringing us back to you like the good shepherd that you are.
Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us.
May this joy flow into our lives each day,
and be faithfully reflected into the world around us.
Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs 1,4) UMH 557

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Astounding God of the road and the table, you walk with us even when we don't recognize you. You speak, and our hearts burn within us. You break the bread, and our eyes are opened. Today, we bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and hope. May our giving reflect the joy of being found, the wonder of Resurrection, and the call to share good news. Use these gifts to kindle faith, feed the hungry, and proclaim your presence in every Emmaus moment. We give because we've seen you—alive, loving, and leading us still. In Jesus 'name, Amen.

OFFERTORY Dr. Daniel Cummings , piano

DOXOLOGY
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(sung responses by Karen Marroli)

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love,
you are beyond complete knowledge,
above perfect description.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,
you are creative and self-giving,
generously moving.

In all the near and distant corners of the universe.
nothing exists that does not find its source in you.

Even when we turn away from you, you are with us;
your presence never fails us,
your gifts of hope and new life transform us.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,
eternal as your love, our bond to one another.
We rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels,
to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy, holy, holy are you.
Holy, holy, blessed are you.

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:
loving what he loved
living what he taught, and
striving to be his faithful servants
in our time and place.

In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises,
and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

On the night before Jesus died,
he took a loaf of bread,

gave thanks, broke it, and said,
“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”
After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying,
“This is the new covenant, remember me.”

We do remember.

We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Holy Mystery, God the Spirit,
we call on you to transform these familiar things,
as you continually transform the world around us.

Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest,
the seed and the sower.

So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community,
we may taste and see your goodness,
so that we might catch a glimpse of what it is to be in communion with you and with one
another.

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

LORD’S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN YOUR HEART LANGUAGE)

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.

RESPONSE Amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Dr. Daniel Cummings

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING HYMN Where Charity and Love Prevail 549 UMH

BENEDICTION

Beloved, may God bless you with open hearts and minds so that together we may pay attention, discern, and follow your Shepherd's voice, for that is the way that leads to abundant life on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Daniel Cummings