

A Service of Song, Word, & Praise  
April 19, 2026

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(8:30) Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

(11:00) Mas ApPeal Handbells

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.**

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.**

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

**Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.**

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

**May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God!  
Amen.**

HYMN      God of Grace and God of Glory      UMH 577

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:14a, 36-41



Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Communion Responses by Karen Marroli)

Dearest friends, at this table the Spirit welcomes us all. Here she gives special honor to the hungry and the poor. Here she renews creation with healing and peace. Here she pledges a graceful world to come, a world of joy and dignity for all. And here she lets us taste it, the new way of being together: bearing each other's burdens, sharing each other's joys, practicing pardon, eating in peace, justice in all we say and do. So come to the Spirit's table. Receive new life. It is for you, for me, for everyone.

Let us pray: From the first day to the last, O God, you are generous and kind, filling the world with mercy's bread, pouring the cup of mercy's joy. You give us gifts too many to count: our hearts overflow when we remember you. Even in death, life abounds. And so we praise you, singing your glory with every creature you made:

**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!**

And now, O God, with grateful hearts, we remember Jesus. When all seems lost, when we are stuck in shame, when nothing we try resurrects our fading hope, he comes to us; he brings the morning's light. He tells us where to cast our nets. The catch is abundant; our nets are full. He knows we are always hungry; he feeds us hope. On the lakeshore he lights the breakfast fire, grills fish for us, and bread. In the mist of morning, guilt is gone, shame fades away. We eat together, speaking only of love. It is always this way with him— food and pardon, mercy and life. Even on that night when we betrayed him, he gave us bread and wine and told us to remember him and all his mercies whenever we gather to eat.

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

Then come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread and cup, signs of the Living One truly present here in love. For all who receive these gifts in faith, make them food and drink of lasting life, until the new age of justice comes and every creature beholds it. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### 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.

**Amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest!**

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Dr. Daniel Cummings

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

\* **SENDING HYMN**      I've Got Peace Like a River      TFWS 2145

**BENEDICTION**

Go now in the courage and blessing of the Risen Christ to live as bearers of the astounding good news to bring hope and peace in a world that so desperately needs Resurrection. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Daniel Cummings