

A Service of Song, Word, & Table  
May 17, 2026

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

Dr. Daniel Cummings

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

**Through Christ, we are made one with God.**

In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

**Through Christ, we are made one in God.**

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

**Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.**

So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

89 UMH

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 17:1-11

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**(11:0) ANTHEM**

One Song

Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

**HOMILY**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

The Servant Song (vs 1,6)

TFWS 2222

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, we believe you have called us to unity,  
but often we have isolated ourselves from others.

**God, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs  
on those who are different.**

God, we believe you have called us  
to live together as one body.

**God, forgive us for the times we have created division  
within your worldwide church.**

God, we believe you ask us to look, listen,  
and learn from others.

**God, forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked  
those with different viewpoints.**

God, we believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand  
all who are called by your name.

**Forgive us for the times we have offended you  
by failing to love others as we do ourselves.**

God, we believe you call us to be one,  
even as you are one.

**Forgive us for the disunity we have harbored  
and make us one.**

God and Creator of all humankind,  
your son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one,  
even as you our God are one.

May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts,  
so that by the power of the Spirit,  
we might find the Oneness that you intend for us.

**God, may we recognize in your Oneness  
our need for unity.**

**God, may we recognize in your Three-ness,  
our need for community.**

**God, may we recognize in your creativity,  
our need for diversity.**

**God, may we recognize in your Self,  
our need to love each other.**

**Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Abiding Spirit of Love**, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ’s story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. Amen.

OFFERTORY  
soprano

Thanks Be to Thee

Siegfried Ochs

Karah Ingraham,

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Sung Responses by Karen Marroli

At this table we give thanks for  
justice, love, peace and freedom.

**At this table we give thanks for friends and strangers.**

At this table we welcome old and young.

**All are invited.**

Source and Sustainer of Life,  
present and active from the beginning of time,  
we are gathered in your ever presentness.

**And it is right that we give thanks and praise,  
and tell our stories of celebration and connectedness.**

Here we will offer praise and thanksgiving.  
Here we will remember the words and deeds  
of the one called Jesus of Nazareth,  
who dared to call you Abba  
and invited us to do the same.

We remember that wherever he came, people rediscovered  
their humanity, became filled with new meaning and purpose,  
and found a new courage to live,  
not just for themselves but for others.

**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!**

We remember how he spoke of a new reality he called the realm of God,  
already among us yet coming in ever greater fullness,  
creating communities of justice, love and peace.

We remember how he spoke in parables about  
a lost coin, a lost child and a sheep that strayed,  
in order to proclaim your inclusive love.

And we remember our tradition over the ages...  
How, in a meal with his disciples, Jesus took bread in his hands,  
blessed it, broke it, and shared it with them:  
‘Let the bread you share be the means of my presence with you for all time.’

After the meal, he poured a cup of wine:  
‘Share this cup, all of you, as a remembrance  
of the open meals I shared with all.’

So now we take this bread and fruit of the cup,  
breaking it and pouring it out...  
that they might be shared among us as equals.

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

May this bread and wine nourish and sustain us on our life’s journey:  
transforming, enabling, and empowering us,  
as we continue to follow in the way of Jesus.

**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**      O Church of God, United      UMH 547

## **BENEDICTION**

Beloved, go now in the blessing of the Triune God to live as diverse members of the one body of Christ, choosing unity over division, cooperation over conformity, and collaboration over exclusion as we work together for the flourishing of all creation. Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

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