

A Service of Song, Word, & Table  
May 3, 2026

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**            Dr. Daniel Cummings

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:  
**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:  
**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:  
**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:  
**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.  
**Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN**                    Easter People, Raise Your Voices      UMH 304

**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 14:1-14

This is the Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

(11:00) **ANTHEM**      I Believe            Mark A. Miller            Chancel Choir

**HOMILY**



## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Sung responses by Karen Marroli

God be with you and in you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to God**

Give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Throughout all ages, as mountains dance and trees applaud, the cries of birth are also loud for all to hear and tend. Your Sabbath and Jubilee made space for all Creation's refreshment. But we made exceptions. Your People sought milk and honey, yet injustice laid waste to the lands. Your prophets, priests, and farmers call us to account. Yet your loving signs of warning fall often by the wayside. And greed and pride inspire harmful choices knowingly embraced. Yet still comes Christ Jesus, friend of wildlife, beloved of the poor, scolding the seas, teaching with trees, and God's wildness in Wind, With Christ we shoulder the cross of healing; we shudder at the disaster of truth denied by power, And yet... Risen and present through food and faith, Christ calls us afresh to care for a damaged world.

**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!**

God, Sustainer, gusting and fluttering life with the good things of the Earth: food and drink we offer; flesh and blood we are.

As Jesus did, so do we: We break this bread (bread is broken)

We share this wine (cup is raised)

We trust that Christ who died is Christ who rose

And Christ who comes again

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

As John said, seeing Christ: Lamb of God, you take away what truly harms the Earth;

Show compassion:

Send your peace

The gifts of God that make you God's people.

**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**    Forth in Thy Name, O Lord    UMH 438

**BENEDICTION**

May God bless you as you leave this place to follow the Way, to seek after the Truth, and to rejoice in the Life of the Triune God who draws us together and sends us out to be agents of Resurrection life in a hurting world. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

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