



April 19, 2026

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Jody Welker to the pulpit!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

"I Will Enter His Gates"

Leona Von Brethorst

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad. (2X)

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Michael O'Shields

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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"Grace Alone"

Scott Brown, Jeff Nelson

Every promise we can make,
every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make
Is only by his grace

Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind
Is only by His grace.

Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in Grace alone.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Tingle

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arr. Jacob Weber
Diane Combs, organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP**, responsive *from Luke 24:13-35*

Leader: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

People: The road between fear and hope,

Leader: the road between the place where all is lost

People: and the place of resurrection.

Leader: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,

People: we are in need of your company!

Leader: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,

**People: let this time of worship, be an hour when
you are glorified.**

- We bring forward our 'Daily Change' offering -

***OPENING HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #267**

**1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King" Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**

**2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

**3. Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, in unison
**We confess, O God, that we have not lived each day in the faith of
Easter. We have been like the disciples, who saw life more in
terms of the suffering and death of the Cross than in terms of the
Resurrection that followed. Forgive our doubt and despair, and
open our eyes to your presence that we might feel more positive
about life. Let the power and radiance of Easter morning trans-
form us into new creatures in Christ, so that our lives may reflect
the joy of Easter faith.**
We ask this in the name of our Risen Lord! Amen.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER & REFLECTION ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, in unison** — based on Matthew 16:16;
Mark 16:9; John 20:28, 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, Revelation 22:13
**This is the good news that we have received, in which we
stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that
Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he
was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he
appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the
Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ
is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our
Lord and our God.**

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love
and forgive one another.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: "Footprints in the Sand" Joseph Martin
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Lynn Heinrichs

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:13-35

SERMON: "Doubting Disciples and Our Risen Lord"
Rev. Dr. Jody Welker, Bridge Interim Pastor

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::

THE LORD'S PRAYER
**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE (seated)

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower" #250

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Anna Laura Page
Diane Combs

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" #248

1. Christ is risen!
Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding,
Bring a taste of love unknown.

2. Christ is risen!
Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend,
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.



3. Christ is risen!
Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
"Go In the Grace of the Lord" James Barnard
Go in the Grace of the Lord.
Walk in the way of His Word.
Stand in the strength of His promises,
And believe in your heart they are true.

Sit at the feet of the Savior.
Pray in the power of the Spirit.
Rise and run the race with patience,
And go in the Grace of the Lord.

POSTLUDE "Canticle of Joy" J. S. Bach
Diane Combs

** Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.*

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*"We love because he first loved us."
— 1 John 4:19*

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