

Sunday Worship
April 19, 2026 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Walking with Jesus

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Fantasia" Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Kathy Schmalkuche

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 116 Leader

Leader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

People: **The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

People: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

People: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.**

***Opening Hymn** "Christ is Alive" UMH #318
(v. 1,2,5)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by Ed & Betty Hendricks* Leader
Oh Jesus, on the road to Emmaus you opened the eyes and hearts of your disciples to your presence in spoken word and in broken bread. Today in this service and throughout the coming week, may the eyes of our hearts burn within us as we listen attentively to your words, and may our spirits recognize you as you walk with us wherever our roads lead this week. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Without the Cross" Ferguson/Peck

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: [1 Peter 1:17-25](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 24:13-35](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Amazing Grace" WS #3104
(My Chains are Gone)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology** The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) *by Ed & Betty Hendricks*
Ever-Present and Ever-Calling God, You have known us and loved us from the moment of our conception, and You have named us as your own. You have gifted each of us in so many ways, and you have asked each of us to use our time, talents, skills and abilities to work with You in making the world a better, kinder place. Lord, receive these gifts which we offer with gratitude and hope. Use them to help proclaim your message of love and justice, and use each of us and our time, talents, and treasure to shine your love to the ends of the earth and to glorify your holy name. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Servant and our Savior, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Day of Arising" WS #3086

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "More Precious Than Silver" TFWS #2065
(sing twice)

Postlude

join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

Apr. 26th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([John 10:1-10](#)) to hear Jesus proclaim that HE is the gate by which we can be saved. Are you coming?

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)


(Recorded Sessions)

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DEEPLY,
FROM THE
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Worship Livestream Zoom link:



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