



Sunday, April 5, 2026
Easter Garden Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

OPENING SONG

"Living Hope"

Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

Verse 1 How great the chasm
that lay between us
How high the mountain
I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness,
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows
of my soul
The work is finished;
The end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus Hallelujah!
Praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah!
Death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 3 Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no grip on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Verse 2 Who could imagine
so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace
The God of ages
stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken: I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, My living hope

PRAYER of CONFESSION & ASSURANCE of PARDON Rev. Dr. David Watermulder
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death, redeeming us and setting us free. Lord, we confess that we still fall captive to doubt and fear. We are overwhelmed by the brokenness in the world and the brokenness in our own hearts. We confess that we fail to love you wholeheartedly and we fail to love those around us even as your love pours into our lives. Lord, forgive us for our sins and help us to trust the power of your love to redeem our lives. Help us to be your resurrection people, joyfully sharing your love with the world all for the glory of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

SONG OF PRAISE

“God So Loved”

Cash/Bergthold

Verse 1 Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well
that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2 Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table;
He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness;
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1 For God so loved
the world that He gave us
His one and only
Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
will live forever

Verse 3 Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down
at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
with open arms

Chorus 2 For God so loved
the world that He gave us
His one and only
Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
will live forever
The power of hell
forever defeated
Now it is well
I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved
God so loved the world

Bridge Praise God, praise God
from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him,
for the wonders of His love

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 9:1-7

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

“King of Kings”

Ligertwood

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

“Earthquakes and Aftershocks”

Rev. Erica Rader

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

- Leader: Beloved ones, on this morning that we gather to celebrate the good news of the Resurrection, let us remember the meaning of our baptism and rededicate ourselves to living out that good news in our daily lives. Baptism is a celebration of God's grace, not of human achievement. I invite you to claim the grace given to you through Jesus Christ by reaffirming your baptismal vows and affirming the faith we share with our siblings in Christ throughout the world.
- People: For by one Spirit, we were all baptized into Christ---there is no longer Jew or Gentile, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female: for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.**
- Leader: Let us also share the joy of our siblings throughout the world who are baptized on this Easter day, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior.
- People: Amen.**
- Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin, renounce evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
- People: I do.**
- Leader: Do you promise, with the help of God's grace, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus, to resist oppression, to work for justice and peace, and to witness to the compassionate love of God as best you are able?
- People: I promise, with God's help.**
- Leader: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?
- People: I promise, with God's help.**
- Leader: May God who has given us the will to renew these vows give us the strength and grace to fulfill them.
- People: Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Down To The River to Pray"

Trad.

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, brothers let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, brothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

Oh, sisters let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good ole way
And who shall wear the robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, sinners let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sinners let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. David Watermulder and Rev. Erica Rader

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION HYMN "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Newton, Tomlin, & Giglio

Verse 1 Amazing grace
how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost
but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Chorus My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God my Savior
has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 2 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did
that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Verse 3 The Lord has promised
good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4 The earth shall soon
dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine

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.

SENDING HYMN #232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

- Verse 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- Verse 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- Verse 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- Verse 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Erica Rader

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