



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

APRIL 12, 2026

## PRELUDE

“Lift High the Cross”  
(Mark Albrecht)

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy God, we sing your praises.

**People: You have brought us new life  
and freed us for love.**

One: Shake us free of anything that inhibits us  
from living fully as your new creation,

**People: so we may witness together,  
“Christ is alive!”**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” (#287 vs, 1,3,4)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Resurrected Christ,  
there is nothing we can do  
to deserve the grace you give.  
We fall short again and again,  
and you continue to shower new mercies on us.  
Thank you for your unending love and forgiveness.  
Continually remind us of your death and resurrection  
so we, through the Spirit, may follow in your ways  
and proclaim to the world,  
"Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed."  
Amen.

### SONG OF RESPONSE

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (#291 vs. 1-2)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate  
the presence of your risen Word.  
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit

so that we may proclaim the good news  
of eternal and abundant life;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:8 (Pew Bible pg. 892)

### MESSAGE

The Beatitudes: “Blessed are the Pure in Heart”

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (#113 vs. 1,3,4)

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

“Since By Man Come Death”  
from “Messiah” (Handel)

### HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

### COMMUNION MUSIC

“The Power of the Cross”  
“Jesus Paid It All”

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion  
with our risen and glorious Lord.  
Now send us out to be a sign  
of the new life that has come into the world;  
through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

### INVITATION TO BAPTISMS

### EXITING MUSIC

“Living Waters”

Director of Worship  
Director of Media  
Organist/Accompanist  
Tech Team

Elizabeth Virkler  
Luke Graham  
Ronél Wishnuff  
Riley McKenna  
Greg Kritzer  
Lee & Berdi Meehan  
Jerry Carleton  
Chancel Choir  
Joey Carano  
Pete Harrison  
Nathan Hubbard  
Gary Williams  
Paul Marx

Ensemble  
Worship Band

Vocalist  
Scripture reader