



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

APRIL 19, 2026

## PRELUDE

## INTROIT

“The Joy”

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Those who love Jesus keep his words;

**People: Those who love Christ  
will make their home with God.**

One: Those who know Jesus  
will know his peace;

**People: Those who know Jesus  
will be taught in the ways of peace.**

One: Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord,  
who has come to be among us.

**People: Come, worship God,  
who lives among us, loves us,  
and calls us home.**

(inspired by John 14:23-29)

### \*OPENING SONG

“Because He Lives”

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to be peacemakers,  
to be children of light in the world.

You bless the peacemakers,  
but we have avoided reconciliation  
where we have caused harm.

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

In your transforming grace,  
give us courage

to make peace and repair what we have broken.

We pray in the name of our Triune God. Amen.

### \*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri” (#734)

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Rejoice, the Lord is King” (arr. Dan Forrest)

### 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 5:9 (Pew Bible pg. 892)

## MESSAGE

The Beatitudes: “Blessed are the Peacemakers”

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“For the Healing of the Nations” (#621 vs. 1-4)

## BAPTISM

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Born March 13, 2025

## \*APOSTLE’S CREED

## OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

“Instrument of Peace” (Porter’s Gate)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: In our world;  
cure the love of power and violence;  
turn swords into plowshares  
and spears into pruning hooks.

Lord, we pray,

**People: grant us peace.**

One: In our country;  
heal the divisiveness and anger  
that separate us from each other and from you.

Lord, we pray,

**People: grant us peace.**

One: In our communities;  
help us to listen to  
and seek understanding with our neighbors,

Lord, we pray,

**People: grant us peace.**

One: In our families;  
where there is pain and brokenness,  
lead us to reconciliation and compassion.

Lord, we pray,

**People: grant us peace.**

One: In our hearts;  
ease restlessness and anxiety.

Free us from past hurts and regrets.

Lord, we pray,

**People: grant us peace.**

One: Change our hearts and renew our minds, O God.  
Send us out as your peacemakers,  
we pray,

as we stand and sing together  
the words Jesus taught his disciples:

## \*SUNG LORD’S PRAYER

(#740)

## \*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE