

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, with the scent of lilies from the flowering cross not yet a distant memory, hold your resurrection glory before us as our guide and hope, O God. May this season plant seeds of new life and yield growth and maturity in Christ. May the gift of your Spirit be our steady leader and faithful friend.

Prelude

Welcome

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Introit

Call to Worship (Isaiah 53:5-6)

Leader: He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All: We all like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hymn

“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

#465

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ's righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen

Silent Prayer (*Please continue to pray in silence Amen.*)

Assurance of Pardon

We are an Easter people, forgiven and freed, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. Amen.

Gloria Patri

#579

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. Amen.

Anthem Introduction

Pastor Jim Dougans

Anthem

“ A Mother’s Love”

Boyd Bacon

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31

588 Page in pew Bible

Scripture Reading

Mark 9: 30-37

891 Page in pew Bible

Sermon:

“Ode to a Capable Wife”

Pastor Jim

Moment for Silent Meditation

...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn

“How Happy is Each Child of God”

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Affirmation of faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed p1 and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

The Offering

Call for the Offering

The Offertory

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO DO GOD’S WORK

Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#555

Charge and Benediction

Benediction...

Benediction Response #586

Amen

DANISH

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Postlude

Worship Team

- Pastor.....Jim Dougans
- Liturgist.....Marsha Franklin
- Choir DirectorNick Denham
- Music Coordinator.....Evelyn McClanahan
- OrganistKristin Gallenstein
- Head Usher.....Dave Harnish
- Greeter.....Kate Zweigart
- Videographer.....Alex Wood
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