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*“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”*



April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Worship

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## 8:30 Worship

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Ode to Joy"

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 116)

I love the Lord, for God has heard my voice,  
and listened to my cries for mercy.

**When we were brought low, God saved us;  
when we were weary, God restored our souls.**

What shall we return to the Lord  
for all the goodness God has given us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

God is gracious and righteous,  
full of compassion and steadfast love.

**You have delivered our souls from death,  
our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling.**

So we will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.

**We will offer our thanksgiving and praise,  
and worship the Lord with all our hearts.**

\*Hymn "Christ is Risen" UMH #307

\*Opening Prayer

**O God, you come to us in unexpected places - in isolation, behind  
closed doors; on dusty roads, as we go from place to place  
Around the table with friends and conversations with loved ones.**

**You come bringing us peace, where there is no peace  
You come bringing us hope when everything seems hopeless  
You come bringing us courage when we are afraid.  
Come and be among us now, in every place where we are.  
Open our eyes to see you, open our hearts to know you.  
In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen**

\*Passing the Peace

*Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come  
to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!*

### PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Mission Moment Zoe Empowers

Scripture Lesson Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Jacob Smith

SwanKids Worship  
*All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.*

Anthem "Because He Lives" Choir

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Rev. Laura Thompson

### RESPONSE

\*Hymn of Response "Open my Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

Reception of New Members

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "Just As I Am" Choir

\*Doxology UMH #94

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We  
pray that the gifts of time, talent, and treasure we have offered today  
will work for the good of the world, so that your love will be known  
not just in word but in action. In the name of the risen Christ, we  
pray. Amen.**

### SENDING

\*Hymn "On the Day of Resurrection" UMH #309

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude "Go to the World" W&S #3158

**"Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the Word God's redeeming  
grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*