

*The Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer
Giving of the Bread and Cup
Anointing with oil

TFWS 2257

(All are invited to the table of the Lord. We serve by intinction (take the bread and dip a portion into the cup, then partake) or by using prepackaged communion elements.

After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/or go to one of our prayer stations to receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers. Offerings left at the altar rail go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, used primarily to assist the needy.)

Communion Song "Come Share The Lord" Choir

Prayer after the Meal

**Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of
Your Spirit to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

*Hymn "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*



*The Chancel flowers on the altar are in honor of
Susan Casper, who served on the Worship
committee so faithfully for many years.*

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"Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World"



April 5, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship

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GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Alleluia!"

*Greeting
Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Sin and death shall reign no more.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Let this place resound with joy.
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302
(The congregation is invited to bring flowers forward and flower the cross.)

*Affirmation of Faith From 1 Corinthians 15 and Colossians 1
This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross, reconciles all things to God. Amen.

*Response Gloria Patri
*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.*

*Opening Prayer

Psalter from Psalm 118
**O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His steadfast love endures forever!
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PROCLAMATION

First Scripture Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 Bobbi Edge

Epistle Lesson Colossians 3:1-4 Rev. Elias Ballew

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

Anthem "He Is Risen!"

*Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

Sermon Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response "He Lives" UMH#310

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Confession
Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in Your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of Your promise, confused about Your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize Your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know You with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us the courage to confess Your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on Your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us Your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to Your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*The Peace

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Empty Grave" Choir

*Doxology UMH #95