

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME

## INTROIT

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From one Creator, God formed all peoples and nations, shaping our histories, our cultures, and our lands.

**P: We come to worship the God who is near to all of us.**

L: God spoke life into every race and culture through ancient lands and new homelands, through ancestors and descendants, through stories carried across oceans and generations, and stories deeply rooted in the soil.

**P: In God, we live and move and have our beings.**

L: We gather today as many people in this land, descendants of the enslaved and the free, each bearing the image of God.

**P: We are God's offspring created in love and dignity.**

L: We acknowledge that the lens of our histories does not look the same. Some are marked by privilege. Some are marked by displacement and struggle. Some are marked by resilience, faith, and hope. YET ALL are held within God's redeeming grace.

**P: Teach us to listen, to learn, and to walk humbly with one another.**

L: Today, we give thanks for the richness of every culture, including Our Indigenous Family and we commit ourselves to justice, reconciliation, and peace.

**P: Let our worship reflect God's vision of every tongue, tribe, nation, people, and language praising God together, of one accord.**

## † HYMN

*Christ Is Risen*

UMH #307

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Creator God, we, your people, thank you for our Indigenous siblings and tribal nations, for the beauty of cultures, stories, languages, food; the diversity of lived experiences; and God-sized wisdom. We confess that we, your Church, have not always honored our Indigenous siblings as your beloved children. Forgive us where we have ignored truth, benefited from their harm, or remained silent when justice required our courage, sacrifice of comfort, and**

**our collective or individual voices. Form us in your love that is more than words can define. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## HOLY BAPTISM

Derek &amp; Oliver Coldiron, &amp; Everett Mason

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-27

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter

into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

MESSAGE "What's A Disciple to Do?" Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN This Is My Song UMH #437

† BENEDICTION

† Stand as you are able



## Covered Dish Dinner & Jeopardy Trivia

Today at 5:30 pm

Fried Chicken will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### Lectionary for April/May 2026

April 26	May 3	May 10	May 17
Acts 2:42-47	Acts 7:55-60	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 23	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	Psalms 66:8-20	Psalms 47
1 Peter 2:19-25	1 Peter 2:2-10	1 Peter 3:13-22	Ephesians 1:15-23
John 10:1-10	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21	Luke 24:44-53

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