Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us. This is the Lord's house, and all are welcome here. We practice open hearts, open minds, and open doors. If you are able, please stand while speaking or singing when indicated by an asterisk*.

Gathering "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong":

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks.

Welcome and Announcements

Sandi Vanacore

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ

Jan Stansell & Acolytes

*Call to Worship by Sally Johnson Sandi Vanacore

Leader: God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

People: From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.

Leader: God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

People: In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in

the faces of children ravaged by war.

Leader: God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

People: To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and

within us, your voice rings clear.

Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.

* Hymn of Praise "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

UMH 57

You may be seated

Prayer of Confession Written by Rev. Richenda Fairhurst

Sandi Vanacore

Creator God: Your Eden flowed with mountain-fed rivers into lush valleys with orchards of pomegranates, grapes, and honeybees. The rain fell at the right time in the right amount. Even just a few decades ago, summertime was the season of shared community celebrations, weddings, parades, picnics, and growing crops. That has changed. This is not the Earth that Eden would recognize. Creator God, forgive us for our carelessness. Comfort those who suffer. We repent of this destructive path. Turn the hearts of those who would continue to do harm to this planet. Let us believe as you have taught us, that all things can be made new. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation "O God, You Give Us Grapes and Grain"

- O God, you give us grapes and grain; you give us salt and oil.
 You bless us with refreshing rain and sun and rich, dark soil.
 And so your care for all these things means we can be well-fed.
 Creation praises you and sings as you give wine and bread.
- 2. You sent us Christ, who walked the fields and saw your love abound; he spoke of trees and crops and yields, and growth beneath the ground. He spoke of ordinary things like sheep and mustard seeds, and chicks beneath their mothers' wings; Christ taught your love through these.
- 3. One day at table, Jesus prayed, and blessed the bread and wine.

 These things of earth that you had made became your gift, your sign:

 You love the world! You sent your Son! And now, through wine and bread, our Lord is present once again and so your church is fed.
- 4. Your Spirit moves across the earth the earth that you made good. May we see your creation's worth and love it as we should. As we now share the bread and wine, as Christ is here anew, God, give us strength to go and care for all the earth with you.

* Scripture Reading John 21:1-19 Rev. Rickey Wade

See insert in your bulletin

Message "A Grand Do Over" Rev. Rickey Wade

* Hymn of Response "Time Now to Gather" TFWS 2265

- 1. Time now to gather, time now to feel Christ's holy presence gracing this meal. Grain from the harvest, fruit of the vine; simple the supper, sacred the sign.
- 2. Time to remember Christ who was sent. Time to say, "Thank you" for all he meant. Come to this table, Come, without fear. God will forgive you, welcome you here.
- 3. All who are hungry, come, and be fed. Serve one another this cup and bread. All who are troubled, hurting, or sad, come, and find healing. Come, and be glad!

Thanksgiving & Communion

Rev. Rickey Wade

Offertory Prayer

Sandi Vanacore

Our gracious and kind Heavenly Father, we praise you for raising Jesus Christ from the dead. With joy, we witness the miracles that you continue to perform by the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us to listen to the risen Christ, who urges us to feed his lambs and tend his sheep. May we join together as a congregation to faithfully feed people who are hungry and show kindness to those in need. Use our tithes and gifts in miraculous ways for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offertory Music Jan Stansell

* Congregational Response

"Doxology"

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Sending Forth

"The Lord Bless and Keep You"

Jan Stansell & Acolytes

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious.

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance on you and give you peace, give you peace. Shalom. Shalom.

* Blessing and Benediction

Rev. Rickey Wade

Prayer Updates 4/27/2025

Joan Axen—daughter Sandy passed away

Debi Maki—healing prayers

Richard McDonald—continued prayers

Larry Robbins—continued prayers

This Weeks Birthday

May

David Webster

Messages & Other Notes

Lunch Bunch Mother's Day Celebration

Join us as we celebrate Mother's Day on Friday, May 9th!

Lunch will be served starting at 11:30 AM.

Come enjoy delicious food and great fellowship—we look forward to seeing you there!

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May 4, 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Sundays	Small Group	9:45 a.m.	-	10:45 a.m.
	Worship	11:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	12:00 p.m.	-	1:00 p.m.
	AA Group	6:00 p.m.	-	7:00 p.m.
Mondays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.
Fridavs	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.		12:30 p.m.