

April 19, 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter.

Thought to ponder: *There's more to getting to where you're going than just knowing there's a road* - Joan Lowery Nixon

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude: You'll Never Walk Alone

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Christ Candle Lighting:

Call to Worship:

One: We have come from many places,
following different roads.

All: We come hungering for greater understanding.

One: We have come to hear the wisdom of
Scripture.

All: We come seeking companions in the faith.

One: We have come to discover the One
revealed in the breaking of the bread.

All: We come to grow as disciples of Christ.

One: Come, let us worship God, made
known in Christ Jesus.

Hymn: MV #79 *Spirit Open my Heart*

**Spirit open my heart
To the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love,
In receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.**

God, replace my stony heart
With a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
To your grace I now surrender.

Refrain

Write your love upon my heart
As my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed
May my living bring you glory.

Refrain

May I weep with those who weep,
Share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
May we welcome one another.

Refrain

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Gathering Prayer:

Loving God, you are the light of the hearts that love you the life of the souls that serve you the inspiration of those who seek you: you are infinite, eternal and unchanging, filled with love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. To turn from you is to fall and to turn towards you is to rise up: Your works everywhere praise you and your glory and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, and so we praise you as Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Time for Young at Heart:

Friends for the Road

Hymn: VU #182

Stay with us Through the Night

Stay with us through the night.

Stay with us through the pain.

Stay with us, blessed stranger

Till the morning breaks again.

Stay with us through the night.

Stay with us through the grief.

Stay with us, blessed stranger

Till the morning brings relief.

Stay with us through the night.

Stay with us through the dread.

Stay with us, blessed stranger

Till the morning breaks new bread.

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Three thousand new followers

Luke 24:13-35 The road to Emmaus

Ministry of Music: Rock-a-my-Soul

Reflection: Its moving time!

Hymn: VU #184

As We Walked Home at Close of Day

**As we walked home at close of day,
A stranger joined us on our way.
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,
And when we stopped, he carried on.**

**Why wander further without light?
Please stay with us this troubled night.
We've shared the truth of how we feel
And now would like to share a meal.**

**We sat to eat our simple spread,
Then watched the stranger take the
bread;
And, as he said the blessing prayer,
We knew that someone else was
there.**

**No stranger he; it was our eyes
Which failed to see, in stranger's guise,
The Lord who, risen from the dead,
Met us when ready to be fed.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
As Mary and our sisters said,
The Lord is risen from the dead!**

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Prayers of the People:

**One: God in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayers.**

Lord's Prayer:

**Our father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication:

**Generous God, you bless us with life,
purpose, and opportunities to serve in
the world you love. We offer you our
gifts in Christ's name, not seeking
greater gain, but desiring to enrich life
around us with your love. Amen.**

Hymn: MV #34 All is Done for the Glory

All is done for the glory of God.

Amen! Amen!

All depends upon our glorious God.

Amen! Amen!

All is done for the glory of God.

Amen! Amen!

Life is lived for the glory of God.

Amen! Amen!

Refrain

Worship is for the glory of God.

Amen! Amen!

Refrain

All is giv'n for the glory of God.

Amen! Amen!

Refrain

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Benediction:

Sung Benediction: *Giver of New Life* 2x

O giver of new life,

in Jesus Christ you came

To bring us peace and joy,

We praise your holy name.

Hallelujah, Praise god hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Praise God hallelujah.

Bruce Harding 1997



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Announcements

March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday

Reader for this week: Lisa

Reader for next week: Sue

Greeter this week: John and Muriel

Greeter next week: Al and Lee

Tellers this week: John and Muriel

Tellers next week: Brenda and Al

A/V this week: Al

A/V next week: Lloyd

Sunday

9:30 conversations on Zoom

10:00 service followed by 2025 AGM

Wednesday

6:00 Choir rehearsal

Next Sunday

9:30 conversations on Zoom

10:00 service followed by coffee and
conversation

High Tea. April 25 from 2pm – 4. 50 tickets are available at \$40 ea. Entertainment, high tea, and your chosen tea cup included. Funds support youth to conference. **Ticket sales end Wednesday.**

Spring Luncheon: Takeout May 8th. Orders may be placed by calling the office April 21,22,23,28,29,30. Payment on pickup, in advance at the office, please note e-transfer by April 30

Retreat! The retreat will be **May 23rd.** Registration forms available at the office. Cost is \$40. includes:
3 – 50 minute workshops
1 – 25 minute workshop
Lunch from Knocks Café.

Books and puzzles

The youth group are having a book and puzzle sale to raise funds for their trip to The Collective. Display is in the Narthex.

The Fabulous St. Paul's online auction: April 27 to April 29 on facebook. Supports Youth trip to conference.

There will be a celebration of Bea Armstrong's 90th birthday on Sunday, April 26th from 2 – 4 at the Smith Creek Hall. All welcome, best wishes only.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

VBS will be June 22-25. This year's theme: [Snowball Mountain Challenge](#)

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards and cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE>

If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown.