

Service of Worship
April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter

**Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Living God, we come to worship you,
praising you for the past and trusting you for the future!

**We come to join our will to your will,
to make your purpose our purpose, and your love our love.**
We come in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Let us worship our God!

Hymn of Gathering #620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Prayer of Confession

Amazing God, we confess that we often see only what we want to see or what we expect to see. We place limits on what we believe to be possible in our lives. We prefer to feel in control. We often discount the unexplained, the unexpected, the miraculous signs of your glory breaking into our midst. Forgive us for denying or rejecting your working for good within our lives. Forgive us for failing to praise you for the abundance of love and grace that you pour into our days. May your Holy Spirit energize us to share the fullness of life with those around us.

Silent prayer

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Once we were no people. Now we are God's people.

Once we were dead in sin. Now we are alive in the risen Christ Jesus.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.

Let us live in joy serving God and God's people. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 13 - 35 (p.1025)

Sermon

Rev. Betti Kirkpatrick

Hymn #624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (v, 1,3,5)

Offering

Doxology – Hymn #582 *Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me*

Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (p.35)

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Sending #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Benediction