

Service of Worship
May 17, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 68:3: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We gather together this morning to worship a living God, who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness. We praise an almighty God who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace. We sing to an all-gracious God, who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the word of life and hope. Let us worship God together.

Hymn of Gathering #462 I Love to Tell the Story

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, through the help of the Holy Spirit, you call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Yet we confess how often we try and wait for certainty, for someone else, or for a clearer sign before we follow your call. We become distracted and we grow impatient in seasons of waiting, fearful in moments of transition, and hesitant when faith requires courage. Forgive us, O God. Help us let go of what we cannot control. Teach us to wait with hope, pray with expectation, and trust the Spirit's leading. Make us steadfast and faithful in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent prayer

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-14 (p.1055)

Sermon

Rev. Todd Davidson

Music for Meditation Soon and Very Soon

Offering

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

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
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As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Sending #753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Benediction