



April 19, 2026, 10:00 AM
3rd Sunday of Eastertide

Please fill out the blue Pew Attendance Pad and drop the paper in the collection plate during the offering. Prayer Request Cards will be collected during the opening hymn. The † indicates when worshippers are invited to stand if comfortable or find a posture that supports your singing/praying aloud.

Gathering Music

If I Had a Hammer
(Pete Seeger & Lee Hays)
Lucas Meyers, guitar & vocals

Welcome

All: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in our church. We will strive to love you, as God does, just the way you are.

Caring for One Another

Prelude *The Chicken Dance*
(Werner Thomas)
Doug Meyers, kazoo & Wendy Treacher, piano

Call To Worship

Inspired by the Book with No Pictures

One: Did you hear the one about the mischievous pastor?

All: No.

One: He went away on study leave and wrote a call to worship that made his church say silly things while he was gone.

All: Hahaha. Thump. Purple Penguins. Oh no.

One: Oh yes.

All: Blurp. Blortle. Bleep. Flibbity. Six seven. Chicken jockey. Praise be to God.

† Hymn (Screens) *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Call To Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we confess that we have not played our kazoos enough. We have not frolicked enough, or told enough jokes, or laughed enough at the absurdity of our reality. Forgive our unforgivable failure to be sufficiently silly, and teach us better jokes, we pray in Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 2:4a

One: The One Who Sits in the Heavens laughs.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are reconciled to God, and we are reconciled to one another. Alleluia! Amen.

† Congregation Response

#582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me*

† Exchange of Peace

As children come forward

(Screens) *Alive, Alive*

Children's Message

Josephine Blackwell

Sung Prayer of Illumination

#454 *Take the Saving Word of God*

Scripture Readings

Exodus 32:1-6, 19-24

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Matthew 7:1-11

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God

Hah-mily

Doug Meyers & Lucas Meyers

Humor – One of God's Greatest Gifts to Us

† Hymn

(Screens) *I Just Wanna Be a Sheep*

Offering

Offertory

Kum ba yah
(African American spiritual)
Wendy Treacher, piano

† **Sung Prayer of Dedication** (Screens) *Johnny Appleseed*

Prayers of the People

One: Loving God, please listen to the prayers of your people...

One: Let us pray to our God.

All: God, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

† Hymn

#649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Blessing & Benediction

Postlude

Any Dream Will Do
(Andrew Lloyd Webber)
Wendy Treacher, piano

Today's Worship Leadership

Worship Leader: Doug Meyers

Lector: Carole Loll

Children's Message: Josephine Blackwell

Music Director: Wendy Treacher

Guest Musician: Lucas Meyers, guitar & vocals

Hymn Leader: A group effort!

Sound Tech: Chad Melton

MediaShout: Randy Herrick

Stream Tech: Katie Meyers

Prayer Recorder: Jean Herrick

Teller Team #2: Ken Rudolph & Pat Rudolph

Fellowship Hosts: The Rule Family


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Grab a kazoo and join us for a silly service!



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY TODAY!

WALKING THE PATH TO HEALTH



Health benefits of being more active are improved mood, more energy, better sleep and easier weight maintenance. Join other members in increasing physical activity in May and June. Register with Lisa R. on April 19 or 26 in the Narthex before or following worship. Pick up your activity calendar then enjoy our area parks and trails or even a 10 minute walk around the neighborhood!

Thursday Music Rehearsals


6:30pm Choir Choir Room 2nd floor	7:40pm Bells Bells Room 2nd floor
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Reminder: Handbells start back up this week!

CHURCH IN THE PARK




JULY 12
10am
Cascades Park



Would you like to honor a loved one by providing Chancel flowers one Sunday? Talk to Katie in the office.

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JACKSON PERSONAL CARE MINISTRY



APRIL FOCUS

Toilet paper & bathroom cleaner

Church Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 19, 2026

- 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am Fellowship Time (Westminster Room)
- 7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)
- 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Monday, April 20, 2026

- 9:00am – 4:00pm Karen's Quilting Group (Westminster Rm)
- 10:30am Al-Anon Meeting (Library)
- 5:30pm Confirmation Class (Small Dining Room)
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 4312 (Youth Room)
- 7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)
- 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30pm Session Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Thursday, April 23, 2026

- 3:00pm Love, INC (Library)
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Library)
- 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)
- 7:35pm - 8:35pm Handbell Rehearsal (Bells Room)

Friday, April 24, 2026

- 10:30am - 12pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm A.A. Women's Meeting (Westminster Rm)
- 7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)
- 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

Saturday, April 25, 2026

- 9:00am – 4:00pm Karen's Quilting Group (Westminster Rm)
- 7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)



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