



**April 19, 2026
Third Sunday
of Easter**

We're so glad you've joined us today. Please, feel free to participate as you are comfortable.

Asterisk () means stand if you wish and are comfortable doing so.*

Photo by Dan Plasman

Congregational voice parts look like this.

Service Volunteers

Usher: Tom Fahlstrom
Greeters: Demetrhea Terrien, Betsy York
Offering & Communion: Jennifer Schwarb, Paul Burdick, Colette DeNooyer
Acolyte: Joyce Wright
Reader: Paul Lucas
Sound Board: David Bohn
Video Camera: Chris Clark

On Campus This Week

Tuesday

Qigong w/Kat, Friendship Hall, 3-5pm

Thursday

Listening Ear, Retreat House, 1-3pm

Doug Sipsma (269) 998-5112
Paul Burdick (616) 256-1372
Michael Valdez (616) 990-1126

Contemplation Hour, Sanctuary, 5-6pm

Friday

Communication Team, Isabel Graham Center, 1-3pm

Interfaith Study, Friendship Hall, 3-4:30pm

AA Meeting, Friendship Hall, 7:30pm

For more details and more events in the area, scan to read our weekly E-pistle.



This Week We Celebrate...

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

22: Robert (Bob) Skaggs
23: Michael Ritt
24: Ginny Mikita, Greg Kurek
25: Lisa Titus

*Emmaus is the road you walk when your team has lost,
your candidate has been defeated, your loved one has died -
the long road back to the empty house, the piles of unopened mail,
to life as usual, if life can ever be usual again.*

- Barbara Brown Taylor

Prelude *Bless the Broken Road* (arr Jeff Schmidt)

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Centering Song *This is the Day*
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made!

Call to Community

We come from many places, traveling different roads.
We come seeking greater understanding of the world around us.

For some, the road has been smooth and uneventful.
For others the path has been fearful and treacherous.

We walk between the place where all seems lost and the place of resurrection.
Like the disciples on the Emmaus road, we seek wisdom amid our questions.

May our eyes be opened to the works of transformation around us.
May we always recognize and welcome the strangers in our midst.

***Hymn** NC347 / *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we struggle to recognize you in the everyday journey of our lives. We seek wisdom in the midst of the questions we have. Open our eyes to your work of transformation in and around us. In our seeing, help us to recognize and care for the stranger in our midst. May our radical and gracious welcome be cause for celebration of the gifts and graces of persons who are different from us and not merely a token tolerance of an outsider. Amen.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you. **All: And also with you.**

***Passing the Peace** *Instrument of Your Peace*
 God, make us instruments of your peace.
 To those who are in despair let us be a beacon of hope.
 God, where there's dark, let us shine your light;
 wherever there is sadness, let us bring to them your joy.
 (songleader sings bridge)
 God, make us instruments of your peace.
 Wherever there is hatred let us sow the seeds of love.
 God, help us heal the hurt with your grace;
 wherever there are doubting hearts let us sow the seeds of love.
 God, make us instruments of your peace.

Ancient Reading *Luke 24:13-35*

Contemporary Reading *(The Magnificent Defeat) Frederick Buechner*
 Emmaus is whatever we do or wherever we go to make ourselves forget that the world holds nothing sacred . . . where we spend much of our lives, you and I. Emmaus is the place that we go to in order to escape – a bar, a movie, wherever it is that we throw up our hands and say, “Let the whole [darn] thing go hang. It makes no difference anyway.” But there are those things that even in Emmaus we cannot escape. We can escape our troubles, at least for a while. We can escape the job we did not get or the friend we hurt. We can even escape for a while the awful suspicion that life makes no sense and that the religion of Jesus is just a lot of wishful thinking. But the one thing we cannot escape is Life itself.

Reflection Had I Been Jesus's Manager, I Would Have . . .
 Rev. Dan Plasman

Offertory Song *Let Us Break Bread Together (traditional)*

The Life of the Church • Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God! **All: Alleluia!**
 One: O God, **All: Hear our prayer.**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God all creatures high and low.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! The stone is rolled, the grave undone;
 New life in Christ has now begun,
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebration of Holy Communion *Words of Invitation*

Communion Song *Walk With Me*

Walk with me on your way, step by step as we go.
 Walk with me for today, companions on the road.
 In the water, meal, and cross, if you're sure or if you're lost, Love;
 Walk with me, walk with me.

***Sharing of the Bread and Cup** (gf option, non-alcoholic juice)

The Bread of Life, the Gift of Heaven. **Amen.**
 The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

***The Disciples' Prayer**

Our Creator who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. May your reign come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the reign, and the power, and the glory forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn** *A Stranger, Starving On the Street* / handout

***Benediction**

Postlude *Easter Celebration Medley (Lauri Donaldson flute solo)*
 (arranged for Flute and Piano by Gary Lanier)

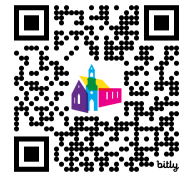
DUCC Prayer Concerns:

Jenny O' Neal (friend of Laurie VanDenBelt & Shirley Lawson); Martha Longpre Dooley (Anne Dooley's Mother; Virginia Stuart; Family of Alan Gibson (Kirsten Stannis's Father); Adelle Van Daalen and the family of Jay Van Daalen; Charlene Burdick (Paul Burdick's mother); Orie Hawkes; Elinor Hite (Virginia Stuart's sister); Dave Lawson; Christine Kerney; Ann & Jim Hopkins; Ruth Fahlstrom (Tom Fahlstrom's daughter); Mikey (friend of Ruth Fahlstrom's); Mary Westenbroek; Eric Cooley (Jo Cooley's brother); Ian Blumer (C. Blumer's nephew); Lakeview UCC

Weekly Financial Stewardship Report for April 12, 2026

Attending: 76	Views: 65
Weekly Offerings	\$4,751
Weekly Budget	\$4,615
Weekly to Budget	+ \$136

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

A Stranger, Starving On the Street

Closing Song

Larry E Schultz

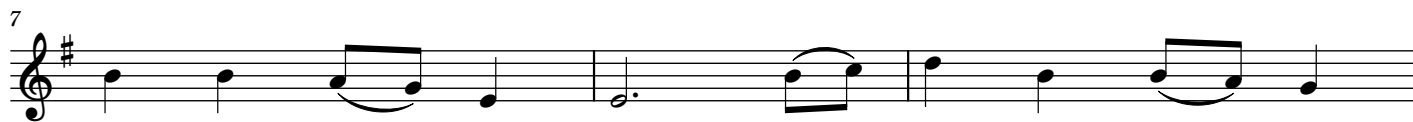
KINGSFOLD



1. A ___ stran ger, star - ving on the street, from ___
2. She ___ moves in - to our sa - cred space, where
3. With ___ o - pened eyes and grate - ful hearts, im ___
4. In - spired by her, trans - formed and freed, com -



trav el, tired and sore, has ___ found a place to rest her feet be -
from the ta - ble spread, she ___ gives to us the cup of grace, for ___
ag - i - nat - tions stirred through joy - ful song, cre - a - tive arts, and
pelled be - yond our door, we'll go in to the cit - y street a -



side our church - 's door. We ___ bring her wa - ter,
us breaks liv - ing bread. As ___ ton - ished as ___ we
thought - pro - vok - ing word, We ___ cel - e - brate the
mong the starv - ing poor. A - wak - ened to ___ each



give her food, then ___ of - fer swift good byes; yet
take and taste, our ___ cloud ed ___ sight turns clear: this
nour - ish - ment she ___ of - fers ___ in this meal, an ___
per - son's need of ___ bod - y, ___ soul and mind, we'll



with her hun - ger un sub - dud, she ___ takes us by by sur - prise.
hun - gry one ___ dis missed in haste, is ___ Christ who feeds us here.
un - ex - pec - ted ___ sac - ra - ment, to ___ bless, re - new and heal.
strengthen, com - fort, hum - bly feed, and ___ be the Christ they find.