

Welcome and Announcements

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Music for Preparing Our Hearts "Peter Cottontail"

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*Call to Worship

L: "Blow the trumpets; play the lute and harp; shake the tambourine; hear the strings and pipe; dance—

P: we praise God!

L: Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

P: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people!"

*Hymn of Praise

"Lord of the Dance"

UMH 261

*Words by Sydney Carter; Music: 19th cent. Shaker tune: adapt. by Sydney Carter
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Verses 1, 4, 5

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth**

Chorus

**Dance then wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance said he
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance said he**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance and I still go on *Chorus***

**They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that'll never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the Dance said he *Chorus***

*Morning Prayer (Unison)

Loving God, who surrounds us with grace, help us know your presence and receive your guidance today, that through our gathered worship, we might continue to build up the Body of Christ as we grow in maturity as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:1-8

Song

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

UMH 601

*Words by Amy Grant; Music by Michael W. Smith; arr. by Keith Phillips ©1984 Meadowgreen Music Co./Bug and Bear Music
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Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path**

**When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end *Chorus***

**I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end *Chorus***

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:11-16

Song

“We All Are One in Mission”

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Verses 1, 2

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service, to witness in God's name
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising Grace,
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

A Season of Prayer

Anthem

“Yes, I Do!”

Chancel Choir

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Message

“What’s It All About?”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Easter Parade”

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Calling Christ, you invite us away from the shallows into deep water, where trust replaces certainty, and obedience becomes joy. As we offer these gifts, we remember that discipleship is more than surface faith; it is a willingness to follow you into risk, truth, and love. Take what we bring and shape it for your purposes: to mend nets, to speak truth with compassion, and to build a community that grows into your likeness. Be with us in the boat and on the journey, as we learn, stumble, and grow. Use these offerings to draw others into the deep, life giving grace of your kin-dom. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593

Words and Music by Dan Schutte; adapt. by Carlton R. Young ©1981, 1983 1989

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Chorus***

*Blessing

*Music for Going Forth

"Bunny Hop"

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