

As Easter people, we gather as God widens the circle and the Spirit disrupts our assumptions. Welcome to worship.

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPClive>

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NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.

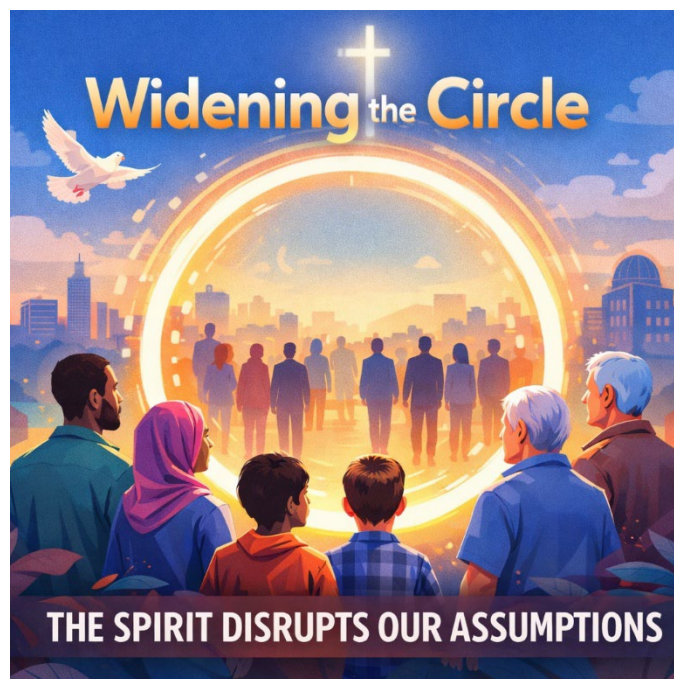


Order of Worship
April 26, 2026

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10:00 AM

APRIL 26, 2026



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Easter Flowers"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

One: Take a breath.

Let your shoulders settle.

We come into this space from many places—

busy, distracted, carrying much.

And yet, God is already here.

Not confined to this room,

but present among us, within us, beyond us.

In the story we will hear today,

God shows up where no one expected—

and invites people into something new.

So we begin simply:

by being present,

by being open,

by being willing.

Let us worship God.

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: In Acts 10, we encounter a moment when God begins to stretch the boundaries people thought were fixed. Peter has to wrestle with what he has always believed about who belongs and how God works. And if we're honest, we know that same struggle. We carry assumptions, habits, and quiet judgments about others and about ourselves. So we come to God not because we have everything figured out, but because God is still at work in us—still opening our hearts, still widening our vision. Let us come before God with honesty, trusting in God's grace.

All: Gracious God, you are always doing more than we expect, and yet we confess how often we resist you. We hold tightly to what feels familiar and safe. We draw lines where you would draw circles. We make assumptions about who belongs and who does not, and we struggle to see others as you see them. We confess that we are not always open to your Spirit, especially when your leading challenges us or calls us beyond our comfort. Forgive us for the ways we limit your grace in our own minds and in our lives. Soften our hearts. Broaden our vision. Teach us to trust that your love reaches farther than we can imagine. By your Spirit, continue your work in us, that we might become people who reflect your welcome and your mercy. Amen.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581 *"Gloria Patri"*

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 10:1-10

¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

ACTS 10:1-48

10 In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. ² He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. ³ One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius.” ⁴ He stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” He answered, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; ⁶ he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside.” ⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, ⁸ and after telling them everything he sent them to Joppa.

⁹ About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹² In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” ¹⁵ The

voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon’s house and were standing by the gate. ¹⁸ They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. ¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, three^[a] men are searching for you. ²⁰ Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation, for I have sent them.” ²¹ So Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?” ²² They answered, “Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous^[b] and God-fearing man who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish people, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” ²³ So Peter^[c] invited them in and gave them lodging.

The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the brothers and sisters from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ On Peter’s arrival, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter made him get up, saying, “Stand up; I am only a mortal.” ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled, ²⁸ and he said to them, “You yourselves know that it is improper for a Jew to associate with or to visit an outsider, but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?”

³⁰ Cornelius replied, “Four days ago at this very hour, at three o’clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. ³¹ He said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ ³³ Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.”

*HYMN

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God Hymnal - Pg. 35
(Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"

Faithful Harmonizers

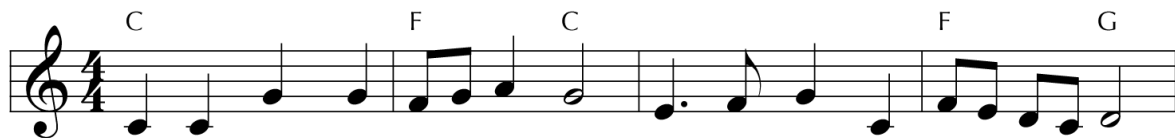
*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

"Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

God of Great and God of Small 19

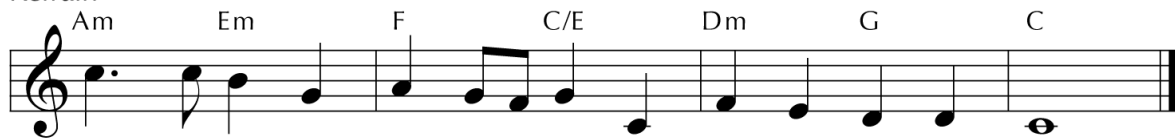


1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Reprisal of 'Hallelujah Chorus'"*

Faithful Harmonizers

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.



Faith Life

April 26, 2026

We warmly invite you to linger after worship and share in a time of fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, catch up, and build community—and we'll have refreshments and snacks waiting to make it even sweeter. We'd love for you to stay and join us!



Sunday Morning Together Today

After worship today, we will have a listening circle where Pastor Becki will share details about her upcoming sabbatical and offer time for questions. A FAQ sheet will be

available beforehand. Join us after fellowship time to learn more and be part of the conversation.

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Thank You, Clean-Up Crew!

Thank you to everyone who helped with last Sunday's Church Clean-Up Day! Your time, energy, and willingness to pitch in made a real difference—our space looks wonderful because of you. We're grateful for your care and commitment to our church community.

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She Nailed It – May 4

Join us at Dimmick Park (Hellertown), 2–5 pm, as our Built on Faith team—Anne Zayaitz, Mary Horst, Heather Davis, and Sally Heimbach (with Lynn Ingram as alternate)—takes on the hammering challenge to support Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley and address housing inequity for women.

Come cheer us on—there will be food trucks, raffles, and plenty of fun! We'd also love help with our themed tailgate—contact Zona, Carolyn, or Ginnie to join in. Good news: we've already reached our fundraising goal—thank you!

We reached our goal but every additional gift helps extend the impact. Donations may be made online by scanning this QR code.



Potluck Lunch

Next Sunday, right after worship, join us for our monthly Potluck Luncheon—a time for good food and even better fellowship. All are

welcome, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

This month, the main dish will be a **pasta dish**, and the Ministry to the Community Committee invites you to bring a favorite dish to share as follows:

If your last name begins with:

A-H: please bring a salad. **I-Q:** please bring a side dish

R-Z: please bring a dessert

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Tithely Giving Statements

Please take a moment to confirm that you received the email with your 1st quarter giving statement. If you did not receive it, first check your spam folder. If it's not there, contact Lynda Scheirer in the office.

To help ensure you receive future statements, **mark Tithely as a safe sender in your email program** and be careful not to unsubscribe from Tithely emails.

If you have not yet set up your account, please take a few moments to do so using the instructions provided by following this link to their site: <https://give.tithe.ly/login>. Once your account is created, you will be able to securely access your giving statement at any time.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're happy to help.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Please note: We are not currently set up to accept donations through Tithely. Kindly continue using the online giving option on our website. Thank you!

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Fridays



TODAY—Q & A with Pastor Becki, Fellowship, Children’s music
May 3—Potluck (Ministry to the Community)
May 10—Fellowship, Children’s music
May 17—SMT wrap up, Fellowship



TEACHERS' CLOSET

Teachers' Closet
Supporting Educators

Faith Church’s Teachers’ Closet provides local educators with a welcoming place to pick up free classroom supplies—items

many would otherwise buy with their own money. Elementary and middle school teachers in our area are deeply grateful for this support.

Remaining Dates:

- Saturday, May 2: 10-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 20: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Please continue to support the closet through our Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/46Pjb7L>.



Even though the school year is winding down, the need doesn’t stop. Restocking the closet over the summer ensures we’re fully prepared to support teachers when school begins again in the fall.



the Gospel of John

Word on Wednesday Bible Study

Join us Wednesdays at noon in the church parlor. All are welcome!
 WOW will not meet April 1 or 8. Our last WOW before summer break will be May 27.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with sunglasses and assorted items. Please take a moment to check if anything belongs to you!



Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2026

“Doing More in BaltiMORE”

Sept. 21-23 | Baltimore, MD (or online)

The Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference is coming up in September! Our church family constantly thinks about what it looks like to do the best we can with what we have. To assist in the Holy Dreaming, it’s helpful to engage in workshops that encourage us, inspire us, and give us new ideas.

Pastor Becki attends this annual conference and has attended workshops on subjects like reimagining building use, crafting year-round stewardship programs, the use of Artificial Intelligence in the church, and cyber security (she’s happy to give you a full workshop list if you want to hear more about her experiences!). She will attend again this year (in Baltimore) and would love company to share the experience with and think about how we take care of our church together.

You can attend in person and network with other church people just like you from around the globe wrestling with the same questions of how we serve as God’s faithful stewards. You can also attend virtually from the comforts of your own home. The conference is worth it (in your pastor’s humble opinion!).

Financial assistance is available both through our church and through the Stewardship Kaleidoscope program.

This annual conference offers practical tools and fresh perspectives for stewardship ministry. In-person participants will enjoy a wide range of workshops, inspiring plenary sessions, and meaningful worship experiences. Virtual attendees can participate through live-streamed and recorded plenaries, worship, and select workshops.

Early Bird (through June 30): \$375
 Regular: \$425 | Virtual: \$150

Hotel rooms are available at the conference rate (reserve by Aug. 28). Grants and limited scholarships may be available.

Learn more and register:
<https://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/>



Conversations

Conversations is a women's group that meets monthly at coffee cafes to discuss various topics of interest.

Conversations will meet at **Art Beat on May 14** at 10 am, and explore the ideas/experience of the recent Faith 250.

If you have any questions about Conversations, speak to Anne Laubach or Donna Call.



News from Ripple

Ripple Church has created an Amazon Wish List highlighting their most urgent needs. If you wish to learn more, or would like to donate, use the link below or scan the QR code. Any items you purchase will be sent directly to Ripple, so there's no need to worry about delivering your donation yourself.

Clean undergarments are especially needed as many of their clients do not have access to laundry facilities nor a safe place to keep spare clothing. Any donations will be truly appreciated.



Link to Amazon wish list: <https://bit.ly/4t92zRX>



May 3 - "The Shape of Belonging"
Acts 2:42-47

May 10 - "Lydia's Open Door"
Acts 16:11-15

Caps Off to Our Graduates!

Are you graduating this year? Do you have a high school or college graduate in your household this year? We would love to celebrate with you!



Please send the graduate's name, where they are graduating from, and their future plans (work, school, adventures, or all of the above!) to the church office for inclusion in our summer newsletter.

Your church family is so proud of all the hard work, perseverance, and growth that has brought you to this milestone—we can't wait to share and celebrate your accomplishments together!

Let's cheer on our grads—send those details in!

Youth Group Needs



Pastor Jo Marchetto, our Youth Group Director, is looking for volunteers to support youth group. If you have an idea for a program, or if you would like to join us for an activity, we would love to have you join us!

One of the gifts of faith communities are the intergenerational relationships that form into mentorships. You all have the potential to be excellent mentors to our youth. If you would like to think this through or ask questions about mentoring, I would love to talk to you! Please feel free to call or email her anytime.

How Can You Support Our Youth?

Sponsoring a meal for our Groups is a simple way to support our youth. To schedule or sponsor a meal, scan the QR code, click on the link <https://bit.ly/4aGzCq1>, or call Pastor Jo Thank you for supporting our youth!



YARD SALE!

MAY 30
8 AM TO 1 PM

TWO OR THREE VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE

SPACES \$10 EACH

CONTACT
Sally Heimbach

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS!
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
For the most current information, please visit the church [website](#).



Key
 BR Brick Room
 FH Fellowship Hall
 MR Music Room
 P Parlor
 PL Parking Lot
 S Sanctuary
 Z Zoom

thisweek

Sunday, April 26

10:00 am: Worship Service
11:00 am: Sunday Morning Together
5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, April 27

7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, April 28

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
Noon: Word on Wednesday (P)

Thursday, April 30

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, May 1- Office Closed

Saturday, May 2

10:00 am: Teachers' Closet
11:30 am: Outside Use

nextweek

Sunday, May 3

10:00 am: Worship Service: Communion
11:00 am: Pot Luck Luncheon

Monday, May 4 - She Nailed It!

8:00 am: Emmaus Chorale (S)
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (S)
7:15 pm: Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Tuesday, May 5

9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)
7:00 pm: Ministry of Support (BR)

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, May 7

9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, May 8- Office Closed

Youth Group Lock-In

Saturday, May 9

Daybreak—May 11
Flyer deadline—May 18
2026 Per Capita—\$50.00

A Look Ahead

May 17..... Youth Group End of Year Party
 May 18..... Summer Flyer Deadline
 May 24..... Pentecost
 May 25..... Memorial Day: Summer Office Hours
 May 30..... Yard Sale
 June 20-28..... Work Camp
 June 21-25..... Office Admin Vacation
 July 4..... Independence Day
 July 26..... Praise God in Community
 July 26..... Montreat Youth Conference
 July 27-30..... Vacation Bible School
 Sept. 9..... Labor Day (office closed)
 Sept. 14..... Regular Office Hours Resume
 Oct. 4..... World Communion Sunday
 Oct. 12..... Indigenous Peoples' Day (office closed)

