

Sunday, April 27, 2025,  
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome  
Family Life and Work  
Family Celebrations  
Lighting of the Christ Candle:  
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: And on This Path

MV 8

**And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!**

**So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
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The gates are open wide!**

Call to Worship:

One: As we worship, we acknowledge God's deep, abiding love for us .

ALL: **YOUR LOVE, LORD, REACHES TO THE HEAVENS, YOUR FAITHFULNESS  
TO THE SKIES.**

One: Your righteousness and Your justice preserve both people and animals.

ALL: **HOW PRECIOUS IS YOUR UNFAILING LOVE, O LORD GOD.**

One: With You, Lord, is the fountain of life.

ALL: **IN YOUR LIGHT WE SEE LIGHT.**

One: Let us praise and worship the Lord.

Opening Hymn: **Sing A New Song**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

**Yahweh's people dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

**Rise, O children, from your sleep  
your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song.**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
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singing alleluia.**

**Glad my soul for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives.**

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let your song be sung from mountains high.  
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Prayer of Approach

**We gather together in worship, O Lord, because You are the One who gives us life, and in life You protect us and encourage us. We follow Your ways, and ask for Your guidance from day to day. We know, Lord, that we don't always want to do what You think we should do. Forgive us. Give us courage. Give us willing hearts, and an openness to Your teachings. Bless our time together, and send us forth renewed and hopeful. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

First Reading: Philippians 4: 4- 9 (Rejoice!)

Children's Time: "Good News"

Gradual Hymn: **"My Love Colours Outside the Lines" (MV #138)**

**"My love colours outside the lines,  
Exploring paths that few could ever find;  
And takes me into places where I've never been before,  
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

**My Lord colours outside the lines,  
Turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
And takes me into places where I've never been before  
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

**We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,  
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time.  
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,  
And realize there are worlds outside the lines.**

**My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
Tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,  
Throw open doors to worlds outside the lines..."**

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Gospel Reading: Isaiah 62: 1- 5 (Israel's name changed to Beulah)

John 2: 1- 11 (the wedding at Cana)

We Listen

Meditation: "Married to God"      Rev. Rudy Plug

Musical Offering: Do Not Fear for You are Mine

We Respond

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation

VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn: **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**VU 288**

**1      Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
         there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
         as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
         great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

**2      Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
         sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
         join with all nature in manifold witness  
         to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
         great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

**3      Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.**

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Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: An Easter Benediction

**Hosanna in the highest  
strains the church on earth can raise  
The highest heav'ns in which he reigns  
shall give him nobler praise  
Amen**