

Sunday, May 11, 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: Welcome, Happy Morning

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**1 Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
 hell, today is vanquished, heaven is won today:
 come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil your word;
 this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!**

**Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
hell, today is vanquished, heaven is won today!**

Call to Worship:

One: The Lord leads us in His steadfast love. We trust God.

All: He brings us to places of peace and refreshment.

One: Because of God's grace and strength, there is nothing that we lack.

All: Those who mock God suddenly stand in awe at His mercy.

One: There is nothing to fear when God is at our side.

All: Our lives overflow with God's blessing every day.

Opening Hymn: I Come to the Garden Alone

**1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.**

Refrain:

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.**

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

**I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.**

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

Prayer of Approach

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true as theirs. Let your Holy Spirit move within us and among us in this time of worship.

We now join our hearts and voices to say together,

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**

First Reading: Acts 9: 36-43

Children's Time:

Gradual Hymn: When There's Love At Home

**There is beauty all around,
When there's love at home;
There is joy in ev'ry sound,**

**When there's love at home.
Peace and plenty here abide,
Smiling sweet on ev'ry side;
Time doth softly, sweetly glide,
When there's love at home;
Love at home, love at home,
Time doth softly, sweetly glide,
When there's love at home.**

**In the cottage there is joy,
When there's love at home;
Hate and envy ne'er annoy,
When there's love at home.
Roses blossom 'neath our feet,
All the earth's a garden sweet,
Making life a bliss complete,
When there's love at home;
Love at home, love at home,
Making life a bliss complete,
When there's love at home.**

**Kindly Heaven smiles above,
When there's love at home;
All the earth is filled with love,
When there's love at home.
Sweeter sings the brooklet by,
Brighter beams the azure sky:
Oh, there's One who smiles on high,
When there's love at home;
Love at home, love at home,
Oh, there's One who smiles on high,
When there's love at home.**

**Jesus, show Thy mercy mine,
Then there's love at home;
Sweetly whisper I am Thine,
Then there's love at home.
Source of love, Thy cheering light
Far exceeds the sun so bright—**

**Can dispel the gloom of night;
Then there's love at home;
Love at home, love at home,
Can dispel the gloom of night;
Then there's love at home.**

Gospel Reading: John 10: 22-30

We Listen

Meditation:

Musical Offering: More Than Enough

We Respond

Offertory: **O Give Thanks**

**O give thanks, O give thanks,
O give thanks unto the Lord
for he is gracious
and his mercy endureth,
endureth forever more**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised

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- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.**

**4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

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**