



That's when God turns us around or pushes us toward God's kin-dom on earth. Come! Let us worship God who cares about us enough to initiate the change we need.

\*HYMN "Peace I Leave With You, My Friends" 249

\*INVOCATION  
Creator God, Risen Savior, Moving Spirit, you are the strength of those who believe and you are the hope of those who seek. We claim that strength and hope as we move forward in the Easter season. Like those first disciples, we no longer look for Jesus Christ among the dead because we know him to be alive in a new and wonderful way. We know that your presence is with us and we pray that this knowledge will sustain and guide us through whatever lies ahead. Help us to grow into the promise and potential that is ours as people who have been given new life as siblings in Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:14a, 22-32

MUSIC TO INSPIRE "Agus Dei" Carol Barnett  
(from *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*)  
UCC Choir Double Quartet

CHILDREN'S MOMENT "Hard to Believe"

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

MEDITATION "Surprise"

HYMN OF MEDITATION "These Things Did Thomas Count" 254

A TIME FOR PRAYER  
Silent Prayer  
Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Sonata in A minor D.845, Second Movement" Schubert

*\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Great are your works, O God! Even greater is your love for all creation... even the doubters. We offer these gifts for your use in gratitude for calling us to follow even when our belief falters. Renew our desire to share and to give and to live in abundant generosity. Use us and all that we have for your glory. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" 393

POSTLUDE "Fantasia" Ben Barth

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*We extend our sincere thanks to Lorah Houser Jankord for leading us in worship today. We are grateful for her time, care, and willingness to share her gifts with our congregation.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE WORLD BELOVED: A BLUEGRASS MASS**

On Sunday, April 19th, our choir will share *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass* by Carol Barnett. This unique work blends the reverence of the classical Mass with the warm, lively spirit of bluegrass, featuring choir alongside fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, and bass. With twelve movements woven through the traditional sections of the Mass and text by Marisha Chamberlain, the piece offers a message of hope, new growth, and renewed love for our world—this joyful and reflective work feels especially fitting, and we are honored to share it with you.

**LENTEN GAS CARD UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Lenten gas card collection. Because of your generosity, we received a total of \$400, which will help support members of our community with transportation to jobs, medical appointments, and other essential needs. Your kindness is a meaningful reflection of God's love in action, and we are truly grateful for the care you've shown to our neighbors.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Annual Pledge Budgeted: \$256,020  
Pledges Received Through March 2026 \$77,561

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