



Sunday, April 19, 2026  
Third Sunday of Easter

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

*During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the day as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

### Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### Prelude

“Pièce No. 1 en ré Majeur” from *L'Organiste*  
César Franck (1822-1890)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 25:4-7

Show me your ways, Lord,  
teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.  
Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, Lord, are good.

### \*Call to Worship

Chandler Cudlipp

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: his love endures forever.**

Leader: The LORD is our strength and our song;

**People: he has become our salvation.**

Leader: We will not die but live,

**People: and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**People: The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### \*Hymn of Praise – #119 “The Strife is O'er”

## **Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Leader: Gracious God, forgive us for failing to go where you direct us. Forgive us for failing to follow where you lead us.

**People: Through your Holy Spirit, give us the power to joyfully obey your commands, lovingly walk in your ways, and humbly do your will. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon – 1 Timothy 1:15-17**

Leader: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

**People: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – Ephesians 5:1-2**

Leader: Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**\*Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

## **RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Old Testament Reading – Psalm 119:33-40 (p. 618)**

Chandler Cudlipp

**New Testament Reading – Acts 9:7-18 (p. 1102)**

**Sermon – "Paul's Resurrection Life: Transformation"**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response – "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" (*insert*)**

Gordon Schultz, Piano

## **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Dennis Kuriakose, Elder for  
Personnel, Property & Planning

## **Offertory**

“Breathe” / “Yearn”

Music and Text: Marie Barnett and Shane Barnard

Heather and Claire Altermatt, Vocals  
Cris Achim, Guitar

**\*Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## **Prayers of the People**

Dennis Kuriakose

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

**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, forever. Amen.**

## **GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING**

### **Welcoming of Guests**

Dennis Kuriakose

### **Announcements**

### **Moment for Mission**

Blesson George & Youp Cobben

**\*Hymn of Dedication – #327** “O Word of God Incarnate”

### **\*Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### **Postlude**

*Fugue* from Sonata op.65 no. 2 in C minor  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

*Please remain seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.*

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***\*Please stand if you are able.***

*Today’s bullet cover features Italian artist Ciro Ferri’s “Ananias Curing Saul’s Blindness” (1660). Depicting the events recorded in Acts 9:11-18, this oil on canvas painting is part of the collection of the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna.*