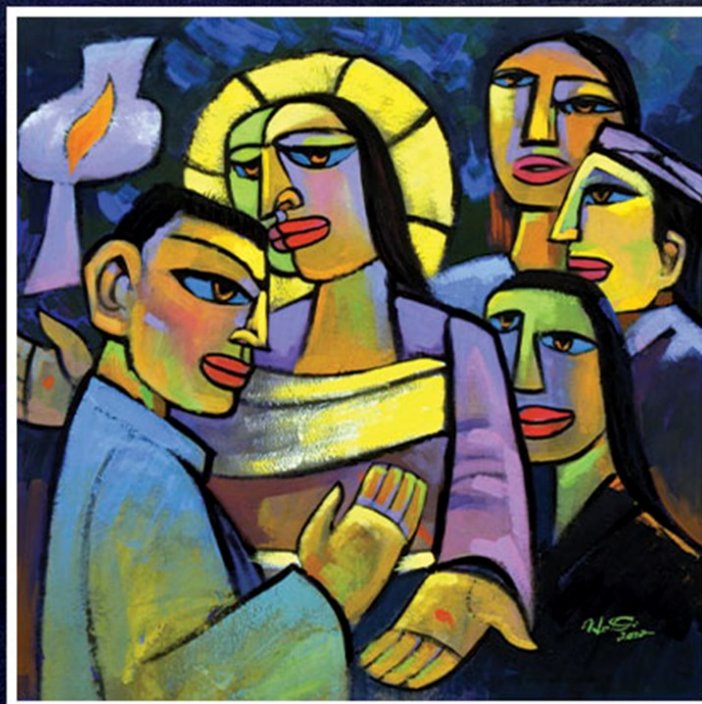


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DOUBT
BUT
BELIEVE**

JOHN 20:27



April 12, 2026

**Second Sunday of Easter
Blended Worship Service**



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Congregation responses are in bold

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. David Rice

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude The Risen Christ Keith Getty & Phil Madeira, arr. Carol
Tornquist

Please stand as you are able

*We welcome Jesus into our presence as we
turn to follow the cross as it is processed through our worship space*

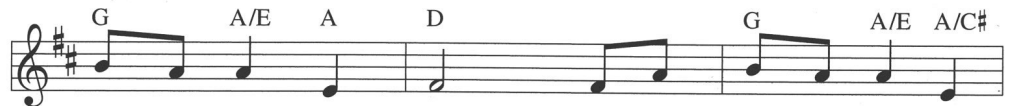
*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

We will glorify

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1 We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will
2 Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will
3 He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is
4 Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lamb; we will glo - ri - fy the
bow be - fore his throne; we will wor - ship him in
Lord of all who live; he is Lord a - bove the
lu - jah to the Lamb; hal - le - lu - jah to the



Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
righ - teous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.
u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.
Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Text: Twila Paris
Music: Twila Paris; arr. David Allen
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PM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!

Amen.

PM: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

PM: Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

PM: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

PM: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

PM: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

PM: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Acts:

(Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Pew Bible,
Old Testament, page 91)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

129 Spirit of the living God

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff with a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Gm7/Bb, D/A, Gm, F/C, C7, F. The lyrics are: Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff with a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Gm7/Bb, D/A, Gm, F/C, C7, F. The lyrics are: Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff with a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Bb, F, G7, C, F/C, C7. The lyrics are: Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Musical notation for the fourth system of the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff with a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Gm7/Bb, D/A, Gm, F/C, C7, F. The lyrics are: Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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A reading from 1 Peter:

(1 Peter 1:3-9, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 182)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

129

Spirit of the living God

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff in 4/4 time. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains the accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Gm⁷/B^b, D/A, Gm, F/C, C⁷, and F.

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The second system of musical notation, identical in structure to the first, with the same chords and lyrics.

B^b F G⁷ C F/C C⁷

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff has a B^b chord, followed by F, G⁷, C, F/C, and C⁷. The lyrics are 'Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.' The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The fourth system of musical notation, identical in structure to the first, with the same chords and lyrics.

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The holy gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord

(John 20:19-31 Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 88)

The reading concludes with:
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

There is a Redeemer

Eb Bb/D Eb Ab/C Bb⁷/D Eb Bb/D Eb Ab/C Bb Eb Bb

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;

Eb Bb/D Eb Ab Eb/G Fm⁷ Bb⁷sus Eb Ab/Bb

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
 there I'll serve my king for - ev - er, in that ho - ly place.

Refrain

Ebsus² Eb Gm⁷ Ab Eb/G Fm Ab/Bb Bb⁷ Eb Bb⁷sus Bb⁷

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and

Eb Bb/D Eb Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab Fm⁷ Bb⁷sus Bb⁷ Eb

send - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Text and music: Keith Green
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PM: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Seek ye first

122

Optional descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em⁷ A⁷ D F#m

right - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em⁷ A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. Karen Lafferty
 Music: Karen Lafferty
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AM: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

AM: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Bless this week's marriage and help us support their life together,
Vicki and Clarence Givler.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Lou Milavickas and Weston Milek.

AM: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

AM: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

Seek ye first

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righteousness, and all these things shall be
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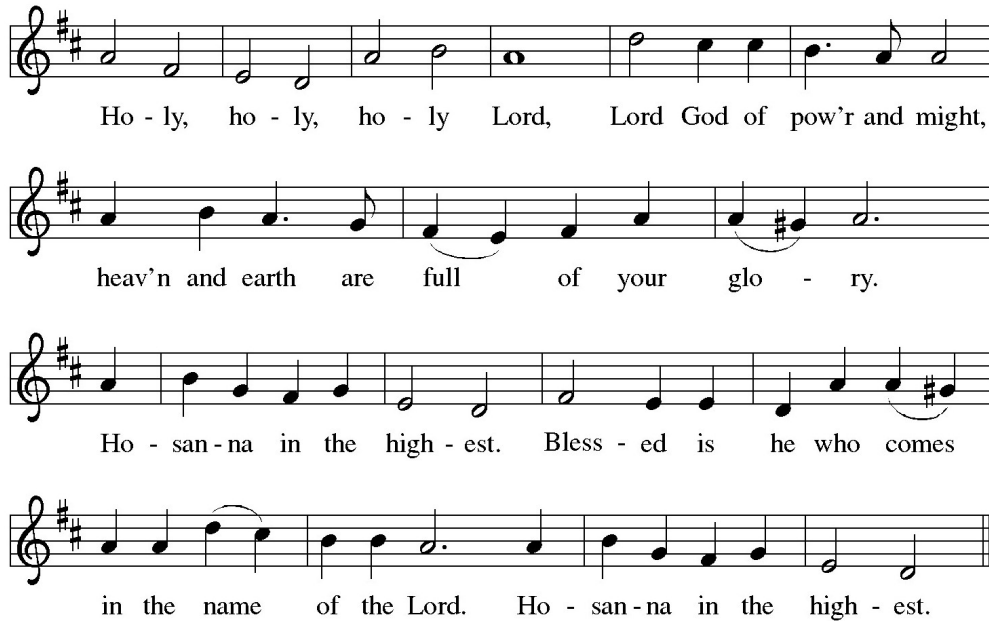
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AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

PM: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

PM: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. ✠
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace to earth.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
One God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us enthusiastically pray as Jesus taught us,

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 and ever. Amen.

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music *Come to the Table* Claire Cloninger & Martin J. Nystorm Arr. Carol
Tornquist

Please stand as you are able

PM: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PM: Communion will be taken to some of Zion's shut-ins. Our prayers go with those who deliver them, as they not only share Christ's Body and Blood with those who are unable to be present with us this morning, but they also take the blessings of the whole congregation.

Amen.

AM: Let us pray,

**Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,

Lord, my hope and strength come from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

PM: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be

sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song

un - to the Lord, sing - ing al - le - lu - ia.

1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; oh, come be -
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the glo - ry

fore the Lord, and praise the Lord on
 now has come. The Lord has turned your
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

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PM: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Redeemed

Benji Cowart & Michael Weaver Arr. Carol Tornquist



JOIN THE CHOIR!!
Practice every Monday
6:30pm
Everyone welcome!
No experience needed.



**SHARED GOODS
GIVEAWAY**
APRIL 20 5-7PM
APRIL 21 12-2PM


April 16th - 7pm
**Church Council
MEETING**



Situations Where Stephen Ministers Have Provided Care to Those in Need

- Grief
- Health Issues
- Personal Crisis
- Divorce
- Terminal Illness/End of Life Issues
- Spiritual Crisis
- Caregiver for a Loved One
- Financial Difficulties/Job Loss
- Infertility
- Other

Would you like to talk with someone about your concerns?
Ask how a Stephen Minister might be able to help -
Please contact Ken Reinoeh!



**ADULT
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**
**SUNDAYS
10:15-11:15**



**Food
Pantry**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
9:00 am—Setup
12:00 pm—Hot Meal
1:00 pm—Distribution



**Bible
Adventure**
**BIBLE
ADVENTURE
EVERY
SUNDAY
10:15AM**



This week we pray for all those affected by war.
Submit your prayer requests to
Jayne Schrader at
Prayer@Zion-NC.com



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BUNNY	FOAL	INSECTS	MARCH	SUNNY	WORM
CATERPILLAR	GARDEN	IRIS	NEW BORN	SUNSHINE	YELLOW



Please set aside **SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.** on your calendars! We are asking everyone to help us with a special project!

WE WILL PROVIDE LUNCH FOR YOU! All we ask is that you sign up so that we know how many people to prepare lunch for.

If you have any questions, please ask Mary Humbert or Susan Kaschak.



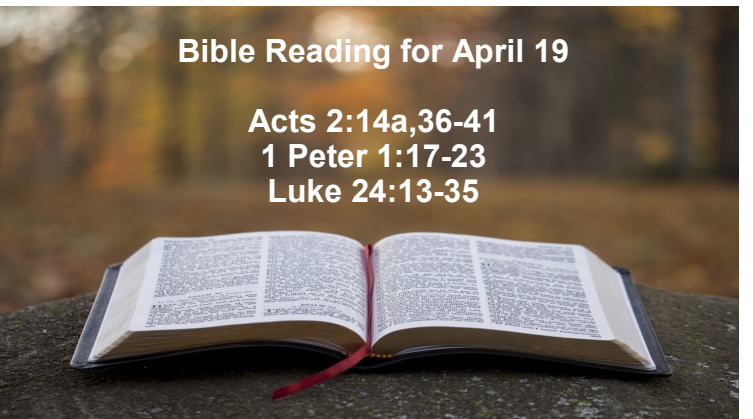
Sewing for comforters
Every Monday 10:00 am to noon
Contact office for more info on how to join!



Your help can help so many others!!

Donations needed

- Canned Tuna
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Laundry Detergent



Bible Reading for April 19

Acts 2:14a,36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 12, 2026 Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. David Rice
Assisting Minister: George Miller
Acolyte: LJ Brown
Accompanist: Susan Kaschak
Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson & Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle & Nicole Milek
Reader: Laura Thompson
Trustees: Randy Elsass & Darlene Milavickas
Flowers By: Randy Elsass in celebration of
Sondra Elsass's Birthday

April 19, 2026 Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. Steve Johnson
Assisting Minister: Darlene Milavickas
Acolyte: Ben Keith
Accompanist: Steve Moore
Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson & Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle & Juanita Cignetti
Reader: Renee Keith
Trustees: Rob Frock & Scott Gross
Flowers By: Darlene Milavickas in celebration of
Lou Milavickas's 80th Birthday