

 The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.
*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.
Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

"Children of the Heavenly Father"
Swedish Melody, arr. by Don Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosea 6

Come, let us return to the Lord.

**Our God will heal and restore us,
and we will dwell in God's presence.**

O that we might continue to know the Lord;
together, let us press on to know God more.

**For as surely as the new day dawns,
the Lord will come to us.**

Let us worship the Lord.

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#1 "God is Here"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

It is a gift to be human;

to feel, and wonder, and laugh, and cry.

It is a gift to grow and change and always be becoming.

**And yet, we confess that we spend so much time and energy
trying to avoid being human.**

Instead of letting ourselves feel,

we numb and escape and avoid.

Instead of celebrating wonder,

we seek certainty and stability.

Instead of honoring the process of becoming,

we rush to cross finish lines to begin the next thing.

Please observe a time of silence for personal reflection and confession.

Patient God,

Would you help us remember the gifts of being human.

May we welcome tears and laughter.

May we delight in the mystery of what is ahead.

**May we trust you along the way as we all continue to become
the people you have created us to be.**

Through Christ we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers; not highest heights or
deepest depths; nor anything else in all of creation can separate us from the
love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Christ we forgiven and dearly loved.

Believe this good news and live in peace.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"If You Search With All Your Heart"
by Craig Courtney

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.

You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION

#477 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

"I Think He Really Meant It"
Various Scriptures

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Borrowed from "Our World Belongs to God"

**As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—
which some seek to control, and others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!**

**From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever:
Our world belongs to God!**

**God holds this world with fierce love.
As covenant partners, set free for joyful obedience,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in the world.
We are confident that the light
which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus. Our world belongs to you.**

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

#147 "Praise God from Whom..."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary
are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

#357 "Knowing You"

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,
blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.**

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Pomp and Circumstance"
Edward Elgar, arr. by Gene Roberson

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THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND

Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF May 17, 2026

TODAY

8:30 am Take a Second Mom Group
9:45 am Worship Service
10:45 am Senior Sunday

TUESDAY

8:00 am Men's Group
2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation
6:30 pm Crafting in Community

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 am Worship Service

Greeters: Rich Glendening, Ann Visser
Next Week: Doug & Elaine Baker

Nursery: Liz Wilner, Annie Vande Kamp
Next Week: Neriah & Micaiah Hardeman

Storyteller: Lisa Zylstra
Next Week: No Children & Worship

Barista: Pete & Cindy Peterson
Next Week: Lisa Zylstra

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026 - 9:45 am