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### **GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT**

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement:  
Rev. Greg Powell

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:  
**God of renewed presence,  
on this Easter day we know that with you  
all things are possible.  
Throughout our Lenten journey,  
the candles extinguished and the shadows grew.  
On Friday our hearts broke as our hope lay  
shattered. And today all is renewed; all things are  
possible.  
What seemed scarce only yesterday  
seems abundant today.  
There is enough love! There is enough joy!  
There is enough for all.  
May the Good News you bring to us on Easter  
fill our lives with the promise of new life.  
Hallelujah! Amen.**

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (see Insert)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

### **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

Choir Anthem: Now the Green Blade Rises

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12  
Reader: Marg Lunam

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn: VU 678 For the Healing of the Nations

Communion

Communion Songs ~ MV 194 ~

♪ ♪ **Bread of life, feed my soul,  
As the presence of the Spirit makes me  
whole. Bread of life, fill my heart  
With the grace and mercy you impart.**

**Bread of life, help me live  
A life as pure and true as Jesus did.  
Bread of life, help me see  
The boundless love of Christ for you and  
me.**

♪ ♪ **Come and fill our hearts with your Love.  
You, the source of life are holy. Come and fill  
our hearts with your love. Alleluia! ~ MV 16 ~**

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

Offertory Response ~ VU 179 ~

♪ ♪ **Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the  
risen Christ; hallelujah, hallelujah! Give  
praise to God's name.**

Announcements: Work of the People

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: Christ is Risen While Earth Slumbers  
(Tune: "Hymn to Joy" – see Insert)

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ VU 586 ~

♪ ♪ **We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a  
love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the  
vision of new life in Christ.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.**

**We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story, including  
all in circles of our love.**

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*Following in the way of Jesus  
on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

**April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday**



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