

Bulletin Notes April 19, 2026

*Song of Gathering

“This Is the Day”

UMH 657

Words and Music by Les Garrett ©1967,1980 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing CCLI #1365061 Sing twice

**This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made,
That the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day
That the Lord hath made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made.**

*Song of Praise

“Halle, Halle, Halleluia”

TFWS 2026

Traditional Caribbean, arr. by Hal Hopson, adapt.; arr. ©1998 Hope Publishing Co. CCLI #1365061

Sing 4 times

**Halle, halle, halleluja!
Halle, halle, halleluja!
Halle, halle, halleluja!
Halleluia, halleluja!**

Welcome and Announcements

Margo Allerton

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Kristie Janczyk

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*Call to Worship

L: Family of God, when we feel afraid and pressed in on every side...

P: The Spirit protects and advocates for us.

L: When the world’s problems seem too big to solve, and we don’t know how to do the next right thing...

P: The Spirit comforts and strengthens us.

L: When we need wisdom to know what is ours to do and the courage to act...

P: The Spirit counsels and empowers us.

L: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

P: Today, we call once again on the Holy Spirit to empower us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

Chorus

**Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!**

**Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine. (*Chorus*)**

**Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back (*Chorus*)**

*Morning Prayer (Unison)

Merciful God, who is more than we can ever imagine, give us a wider vision of the world; give us a broader view of justice; give us dreams of peace that are not defined by boundaries of geography or race or religion, or by the limitations of worldly structures and systems.

Open our hearts and our minds that wherever we go, we may know your voice calling us by name; calling us to serve, calling us to share, calling us to praise, so that we never give up on the promise of your kingdom, where the world is transformed, and all can enjoy life in all its fullness. Amen.

A Meditation and Prayer

John 10:10

“Abundant Life Received and Shared for the Sake of the World”

By Venelyn D. Pascua, Philippines

Prayer (Unison)

Loving and gracious Lord, you came so that we may have abundant life. Teach us that abundance lies in your presence. Guard us from distractions that do not satisfy. Open our hearts to receive your grace and to share it generously through kindness, compassion, and service. Give courage to live fully in your light, and strength to witness even in trial. May our lives testify to your goodness, so that others experience the fullness you promise. We pray with gratitude, trusting your sustaining love. Amen.

Anthem

“Reach Out and Touch”

Chancel Choir

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Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:6-10

L: Word of God, word of life!

P: Thanks be to God!

**Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him,
And say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.**

Message

“What Is Faith For?”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Sunday Joy”

Kristie Janczyk

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Abundant God, you call us beyond survival into life—abundant, rooted, and overflowing. You invite us to walk by faith, not as individuals alone, but as a community growing together in Christ’s fullness. Receive now these gifts we offer, not out of scarcity or obligation, but in joyful response to your goodness. Use them—and use us—to build up the body, to bless the world, and to proclaim that, in you, there is always more: more joy, more hope, more life. We give, trusting that you are still planting, still building, still transforming us into bold and joyful disciples. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Song of Response

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

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**I’m gonna live, so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime
I’m gonna live, so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

*Blessing

*Music for Going Forth

“Jesus Loves Even Me”

Kristie Janczyk

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