

MAY 3 2026 ORDER OF WORSHIP

I. PRELUDE: Robin Wohlfeil

Robin's Choice

II. WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nikki Blanks

A. Welcome

B. Announcements

III. OPENING PRAYER: Liturgist

One: Please rise in body or in spirit and join in the opening prayer as it appears in your

bulletin: May we honor your name, Lord Jesus Christ,

All: Not by paying it lip service but by trusting the vision it speaks of and all to which it calls us.

One: May we honor it by following you

All: Speaking into the word with our actions and showing who we've chosen to follow.

One: May we love in your name, speak in your name, care in your name

All: That willingness to touch the outcast, to feed the hungry, to remember the sick, to visit the imprisoned, to clothe the naked, to give water to the thirsty, all in your name. Amen.

One: Now, let us continue to worship, singing hymn #409- God is Here!

IV. OPENING SONG: Robin

409- God Is Here!

V. CONFESSION & ASSURANCE: Liturgist

A. Call to Confession

Please be seated. Friends, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us now join in the prayer of confession as it appears in your bulletin.

B. Prayer of Confession

Before God and God's people, I confess that I have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice I see and declaring God's vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy. Remind me, God, that you have made me for your service and recharge me with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. And hear us now as we silently pray before you. Amen.

PAUSE 30-60 SECONDS FOR SILENT CONFESSION...

C. Assurance of Pardon

One: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

VI. PASSING OF THE PEACE: Liturgist

One: The peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Now, let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

VII. SONG OF PRAISE: Robin

469- Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VIII. FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Liturgist

A. Prayer for Illumination

Please be seated. Now, as we prepare to hear God's Word for us, let us pray together:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

B. Scripture Reading

Our first scripture reading is from the gospel of John, chapter 14 and verses 1 through 14.

Hear God's Word for you:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, *'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'* Jesus said to him, *'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'*

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, *'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me*

has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

IX. SPECIAL MUSIC: Pop-Up Choir

"You Are My All in All"

X. SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Nikki

Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

XI. MESSAGE: Nikki

XII. SONG OF RESPONSE: Robin

815- Give to the Wind Thy Fears

XIII. GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

A. Call to Bring Our Gifts: Nikki

B. Song of Thanks: Robin

Doxology

C. Prayer of Thanks: Liturgist

Please join me in prayer over our offerings: Generous God, here are our gifts of time; here are our gifts of talents; here are our gifts of money; building stones for Your Kingdom, awaiting shaping and placing within Your loving purpose. Amen.

XIV. SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Nikki

A. Invitation to the Table

B. Great Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among

the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you you kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast. When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and made covenant to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore, we praise you. AND WE THANK YOU ESPECIALLY FOR THE BLESSINGS WE NAME BEFORE YOU NOW...

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death.

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Intercessions for the world are included here... AND WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WE NAME BEFORE YOU NOW...

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus, the one who taught us to pray, using these words:

Our Father...

C. Words of Institution

D. Communion of the People

E. Prayer After Communion

XV. SENDING SONG:

316- Where Charity and Love Prevail

XVI. CHARGE & BLESSING: Nikki

XVII. POSTLUDE: Robin