

The liturgical color is purple for Preparation and penitence.

PRELUDE “What Wondrous Love Is This” Cathy DeRousse

WELCOME Rich Elwell liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Oh, what a fellowship, what a joy divine.
C: Leaning on the everlasting arms!
L: Oh, what a blessedness, what a peace is mine.
C: Leaning on the everlasting arms!
L: Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way.
C: Leaning on the everlasting arms!
L: Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day.
C: We are leaning on the everlasting arms!

*OPENING HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” UMH 156
Hymn History: The words to this hymn are from a poem written by Arabella Katherine Hankey. She was born in London in 1834. Though a devout Anglican, she was inspired by the Methodist revival of John Wesley. She developed a serious illness in 1866 and was bedridden for a long period. While recovering, she wrote the poem, Tell Me the Old Old Story of Unseen Things Above. She recovered from her illness and lived to age 77, dying in 1911. The music was written by William G Fischer. He was born in 1835 in Baltimore to German immigrants. He learned to read music singing at church. Relocating to Philadelphia, he learned bookbinding. He studied piano and organ in the evenings. Fischer was well known as a conductor of large choirs, leading groups of up to a thousand at revival meetings. He also ran a successful piano business and taught music at a boarding school in Philadelphia. Fischer died there in 1912.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER
Gracious God, Giver of all good gifts, thank you for the ways you have lifted us. Thank you for the ways you continue to shower us as your beloved children. In this season of Lent, help us turn away from fears. Turn from selfishness toward You. Inspire us, once more, to be faith-filled followers. Renew and revive us, today, as we worship. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 100 (NIV), p. 427

ANTHEM “Lamb of God” John Reim
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Lord, I Give Myself to You” Victor C. Johnson

*DOXOLOGY #95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
With hearts overflowing with gratitude, we present these gifts. Let them be a reflection of the abundance you have graciously given. We seek that this offering be a source of transformation. Making change for all in need. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

*HYMN OF CENTERING “Give Me A Clean Heart” TFWS 2133

SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8 (NIV), p. 761

MESSAGE “Dinner with Jesus: Preparation”
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

HOLY COMMUNION Musical Setting A UMH 17

COMMUNION HYMN “There is A Fountain”

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Johann Gottfried Walther

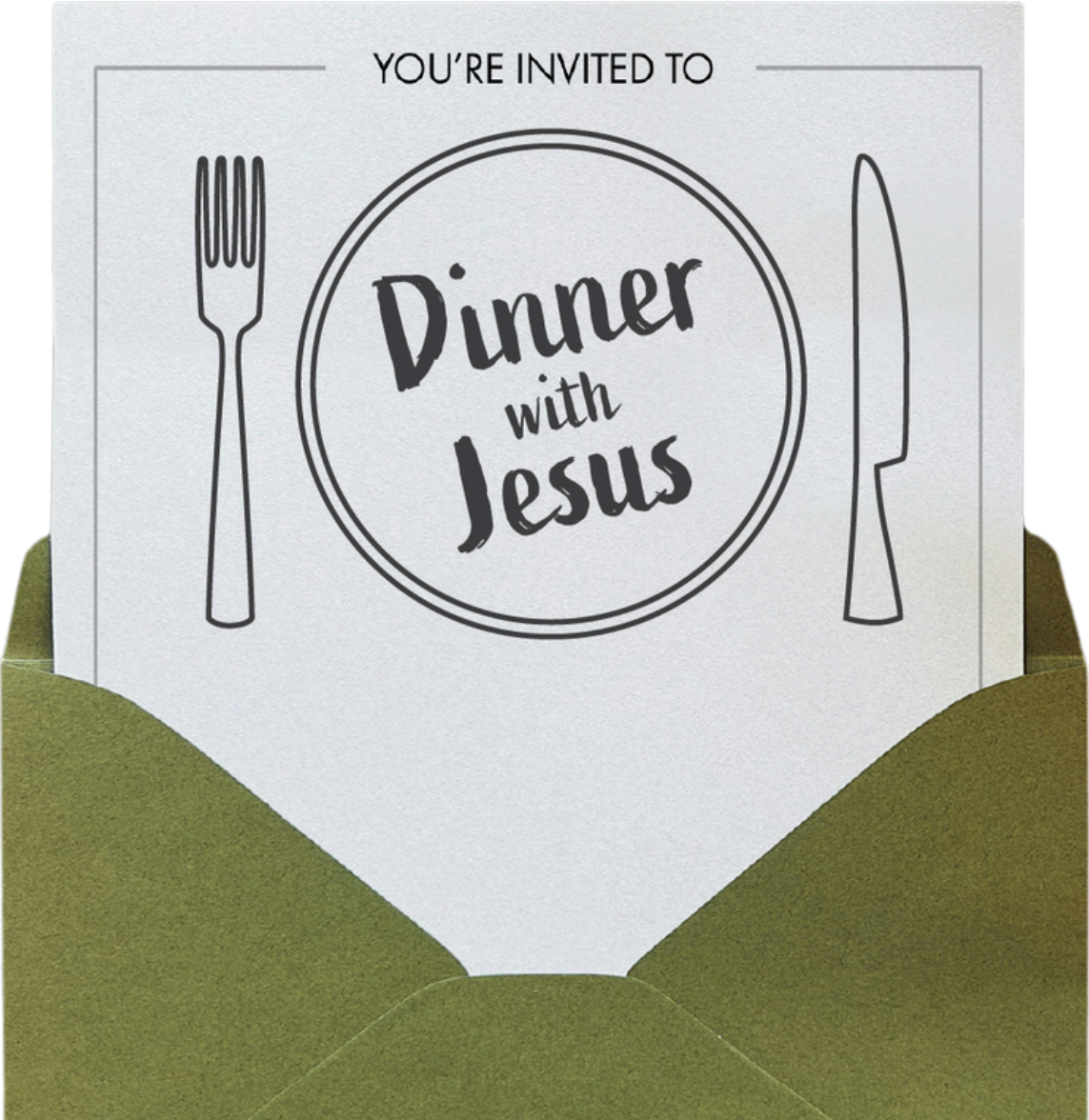
Altar Flowers are presented by Katy, David, Alex, and Adam Romo
In Loving Memory of Paula Patterson, Mom & Grammie

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Joyce Ragan
Honoring the Memory of Dave Ragan, Husband, Father, and Grandfather

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

Traditional Worship
April 6, 2025

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 - BIG Event
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 - Disciple 1 Fast Track
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- Modern Worship Meeting

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