



**April 26, 2026**

*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ  
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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# A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day

## April 26, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: *Glorify Thy Name*

\*Call to Worship:

Liturgist: Let us worship God.

**People: God is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.**

Liturgist: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**People: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Liturgist: Let us call upon our true God, believing Him in our hearts, confessing Him with our mouths, worshiping Him in spirit and in truth.

\*Opening Hymn: *Christ is Alive, verses 1,4,5*

*Please be seated.*

**A Call to Confession** (Liturgist)

Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world. He came so that we might be saved for life in his Spirit. Let us confess our sin, trusting in the goodness of God and in the power of God's forgiveness.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**Silent Confession** *Please take a moment for silent confession*

**Asking for God's Forgiveness**

Liturgist: Let us now ask God's forgiveness.

**People: O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sung Response to Confession:**

*Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

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## **\*Passing the Peace of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

*(Congregation shares peace with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)*

## **Anthem:**

*Give Me Jesus*

## **Children's Moment**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

*Gracious God, as we come to your word, quiet the noise within us. Still our anxious thoughts and steady our restless hearts, that we may hear your voice above every fear. Open our eyes to see your truth, our minds to understand your wisdom, and our hearts to trust in your power. Amen.*

## **Scripture Lesson:**

Psalm 46, 1 Peter 1:3-9

## **The Message:**

*Tested Faith, Lasting Joy*

## **Hymn of Affirmation:**

*Spirit of the Living God*

## **Installation of Officer:**

Presentation of New Officer

Statement on Installation

Affirming Our Faith Using the Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended*

*into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Constitutional Questions

Prayer for the Deacon

Charge and Welcome

## **Sharing Our Life Together**

### **Offertory**

**Thanksgiving in Song:**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Sending Hymn:**        *How Firm a Foundation, verses 1,2,4,5*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

# 9 Glorify Thy Name

Father, glorify Your name! John 12:28

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

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## Christ Is Alive!

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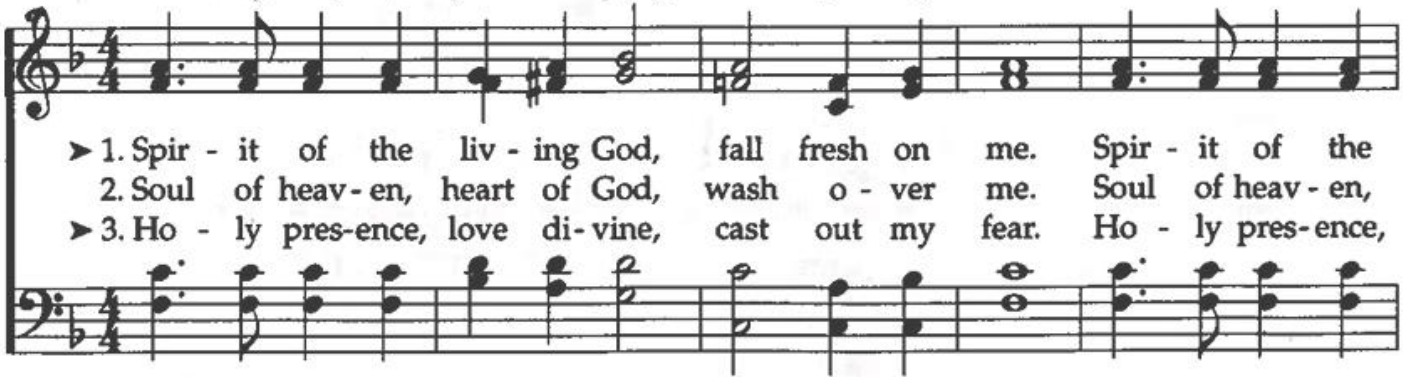
1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

# 389 Spirit of the Living God

*Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Galatians 5:16*



> 1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the  
2. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, wash o - ver me. Soul of heav - en,  
> 3. Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, cast out my fear. Ho - ly pres - ence,



liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,  
heart of God, wash o - ver me. Cleanse me, teach me, hold me,  
love di - vine, cast out my fear. Shield me, free me, call me,



use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.  
reach me. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, wash o - ver me.  
lead me. Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, cast out my fear.

## 463 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

