



April 26, 2026 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM
Third Sunday Of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Stanley

Intermezzo | Josef Rhenberger

James

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Wells

Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Hallelujah!

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Rev. Haley Jones

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 454 †

Open My Eyes That I May See | United Methodist Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

**We need your presence on the long road, Lord.
The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.**

**Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!**

**Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SONG

**Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little
ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes,
Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me—
the Bible tells me so.**

HYMN 383 VS 1-3

This is a Day of New Beginnings | United Methodist Hymnal

RECOGNITIONS OF GRADUATING SENIORS

God of truth and knowledge,
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless our graduates as they now finish this course of study.

**We thank you for those
who taught and worked beside them,
and all who supported them along the way.**

Walk with the graduates
as they leave and move forward in life.
Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

**Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up
and used for the good of all people.**

For the graduates, this truly is a day of new beginnings,
a time to remember and move on,
and a time to believe what love is bringing.

HYMN 383 VS 4 †

This is a Day of New Beginnings | United Methodist Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON †

Linda Baker

Luke 24: 13-15

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Rev. David C.

Freeman

Resurrection Revolution Part 2
Radical Hospitality

OFFERTORY †

Chancel Choir

Earth Song | Frank Ticheli

Sing, Be, Live, See...

This dark stormy hour, the wind, it stirs. The scorched earth cries out in vain.

O war and power, you blind and blur. The torn heart cries out in pain.

But music and singing have been my refuge, and music and singing shall be my light.

A light of song shing strong: Alleluia! Through darkness, pain and strife. I'll Sing, Be, Live, See...

Peace.

DOXOLOGY (94) †

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING †

PRAYER FOR HOLY DISRUPTION †

God of the new and unexpected, Grant us the grace to welcome the "Holy Disruptions" you send our way. Break into our predictable lives with the untamed, unsettling wonder of your Spirit. Shake the foundations of our tidy faith with the fierce urgency of your love, dismantling the systems we have built to keep us safe from your risky, transforming call. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus-our comforter and disrupter. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 521 †

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me | United Methodist Hymnal

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS †

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of

the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

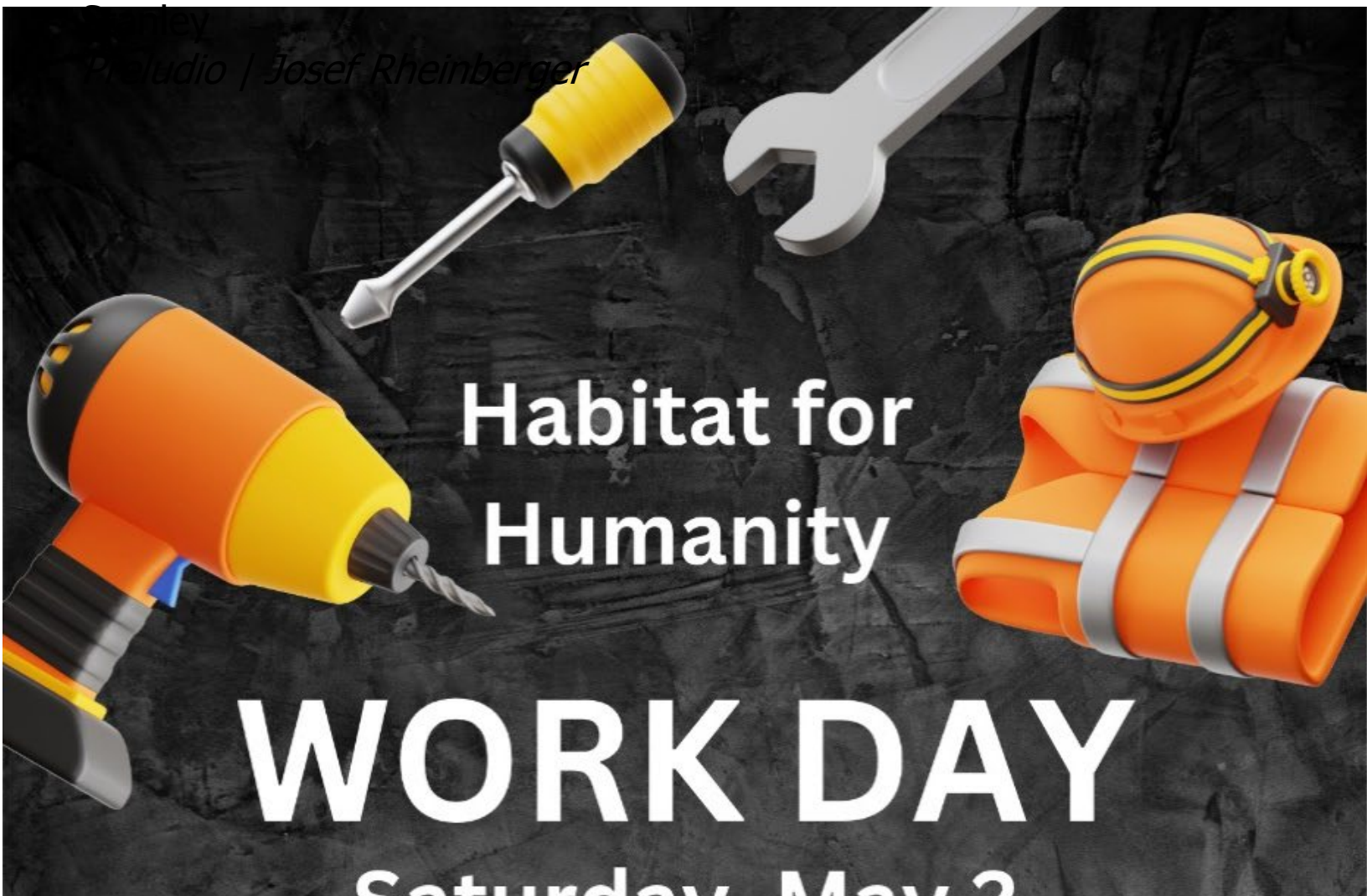
BENEDICTION †

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

**Go on your way with joy, my friends,
Go on your way with joy, my friends,
Go on your way with joy, my friends,
Let your left foot say "Glory" and your right say "Amen."**

POSTLUDE

James



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Clergy:

Rev. David C. Freeman

Rev. Haley Jones Wells

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

Music & Worship Arts: Chancel Choir, James Stanley

Liturgist: Linda Baker

Audio/Visual: Gilbert Ponder, Alex Moyer

Altar Guild: Judy Jewell, Lisa Warren

Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in memory of Bridget's Parents. Given by Bridget and Phil Reemes.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Requesting Prayer:

Hilda Thomas, Donna Bair, Amelia Botteicher, Sandy Watson, Pat Matthews, William Gerrard, Kay Bell, Hatley Rodgers, Carol Roddy, Rebecca Remmel, Jean Rolfs

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:00 am	First Word (Cokesbury)
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm	Koinonia Lunch
12:00 pm	Senior Lunch
2:00 pm	Bill & Sue Lewis Service
3:00 pm	Bill & Sue Lewis Reception

3:00 pm Parkview Senior Recital
4:00 pm Youth Service Event
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, April 27, 2026

9:00 am Flower Girls
9:00 am Food Bank Backpack Pickup
12:00 pm 3 Pastors Walk Into A Bar: Offsite
1:00 pm Community Café
5:30 pm The Director of Ministries for Kids, Youth, and Families Search Committee

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

7:00 am Tues. Morning Bible Study
9:30 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Worship Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy
4:15 pm FANN
6:30 pm Intermediate Taiko

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

1:00 pm Community Café
5:45 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, April 30, 2026

4:00 pm Mike Charles Basketball Academy