

# Journal of the Journey

Second Sunday  
of Easter  
April 12, 2026



## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*please stand as you're able*

### PRELUDE

*Alleluia, W. Boyce<sup>1</sup>*

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP - Refrain: HYMN 587

*Alleluia!, Celtic Alleluia<sup>2</sup>*

One: This is the good news, the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

**All: Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Alleluia!**

One: This the good news, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

**All: Refrain**

One: This the good news, Jesus did all of this to show us the way of life.

**All: Refrain**

One: Let us rejoice in the resurrection.

#### \*HYMN 248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!, Hymn to Joy<sup>3</sup>*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Christ, you know our deepest secrets; you know our fear-filled doubts; you know our darkest challenges. Breathe strength and faith into us in our moments of secret fear. Grant us the grace to know your presence and to trust your promises. We confess our sin, and ask you to reclaim us as your disciples. Reconcile us with your love, that we may be one with you and useful in your mission, in your holy name we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**\*HYMN 257**

*The Risen Christ, Woodlands*<sup>4</sup>

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

John 20:19-31

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

**REFLECTIONS FROM THOMAS - HYMN 243**

*Be Not Afraid, Taizé Ecumenical Community*<sup>5</sup>

**Refrain: Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen alleluia!**

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Peter 1:3-9

**SERMON**

*Thomas? I'm Curious Too!*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH HYMN 411**

*God Is Here Today, Dios Esta Aqui*<sup>6</sup>

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row.*

*Bring coins! All change collected with go to a mission project as chosen by the children.*

**OFFERTORY**

*We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight, arr. K. Kosche*<sup>7</sup>

**\*DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundredth*<sup>8</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION, LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 238**

*Thine Is the Glory, Judas Maccabaeus*<sup>9</sup>

**\*BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*, arr. P. Mickelson<sup>10</sup>

*The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.*

### Leaders Today

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Karen Stephens

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Linda Tanke, Chuck Kamp, Gary Stephens (Deacon)



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## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **June 21 Concert at Westminster - Make Music Madison**

Sing with Westminster Presbyterian for Make Music Madison on June 21, 2026 at 4:00PM.

We invite you to add your voice in harmony! Everyone welcome!

Music available today. Join us for Wednesday rehearsals 5/27-6/17 from

### **SAVE THE DATES**

### **Church Outing: Nightmares Softball Game**

All are invited to the game on Saturday, June 17th at 6:05pm! Details and sign up to come.

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

When: August 3-6; 9am-noon at Christ Presbyterian Church

For : Children grades K and up! (youth and adult volunteers)

All are welcome to this free and engaging camp. More details to come!

## Women's Retreat

Save the date for the 5th Annual Women's Retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery. This year the Rev. Jessica Salt will be leading the retreat on Saturday, September 26.



### Guest preacher and leader April 19

Rev. Matt Sauer has served for two decades in Manitowoc. He has worked to unify congregations across denominational lines, lifted up voices of rural communities, challenged Christian nationalism, and modeled public faith that promotes equity, compassion, and democracy. He has been a founding presence in Manitowoc Warming Shelter, and the Free Community Dinners. He serves on the Wisconsin Council of churches. He is married to Meredith, and father to Olivia and Josh. He is a preacher that combines prophetic critique with a Mr. Rogers gentleness. Welcome Pastor Matt.

### \*IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS\*

**Care List:** Gloria Hanson, Bob Goller & Gay Didriksen, Patrick Mullin

**Members & Friends:** Ledger Dalton, The Rohde family, Mary Ihlenfeldt and family

**Dale Rohde's Memorial** will be at Roselawn Memorial Park Friday, April 17 at 11:00AM.

### **YOU'RE INVITED! Sunday, April 19, 11:00AM-1:00PM**

#### **It's a Beautiful Sunday in the Neighborhood**

Shed the fast pace of an often mean-spirited world and join us in safety as we play together and create memories of kindness. All ages welcome!



- Wear a cardigan.
- Make a puppet.
- Laugh & sing with the puppets to do Mr. Rogers neighborhood storytelling.
- Eat food - hot off the grill.
- Prepare teacher-appreciation bags for Thoreau/Waldorf schools.
- Play in our "Neighborhood" with blocks, and trains and tracks.
- Learn how the words, energy, and kindness of Fred Rogers can help us navigate the neighborhoods that we live in.