

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3<sup>RD</sup> WEEKEND OF EASTER | SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### GATHERING AND WELCOME

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Even if we feel abandoned and alone,

**Christ meets us here.**

Even when we become lost and disoriented,

**Christ rescues us in our need.**

When we are celebrating our lives with joy,

**Christ celebrates with us.**

Even when the future is unknown,

**Christ illumines our Way.**

Here in this house of worship, enter, rejoice, and come home.

\*HYMN *Christ is Risen* UMH 307 vv 1-3

\*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE *No Longer a Stranger* Roger Netz

#### THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #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.**

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Abundant God, you call us beyond survival into life—abundant, rooted, and overflowing. You invite us to walk by faith, not as individuals alone, but as a community growing together in Christ's fullness. Receive now these gifts we offer, not out of

scarcity or obligation, but in joyful response to your goodness. Use them—and use us—to build up the body, to bless the world, and to proclaim that, in you, there is always more: more joy, more hope, more life. We give, trusting that you are still planting, still building, still transforming us into bold and joyful disciples. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

\*HYMN *Thine Be the Glory* UMH 308 vv 1-2

#### \*BENEDICTION

Go now in the blessing of the Holy Spirit who empowers and inspires you to cooperate with God's grace and join in the work of building God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able. **The congregation reads bold text.**

**Are you our guest in worship tonight?  
Welcome! We're glad you're here.**

#### Scheduled Events

April 19	9:30a	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>
April 19	10:30a	<b>Confirmation Reception Following Service</b>
April 20	9:30a	Webster County Retired School Personnel Meeting
April 22	9:15a	Ruth's Circle
April 22	1:00p	Tai Chi Class
April 23	5:00p	SPPRC Meeting
April 25	5:00p	Manna Meal
April 26	9:30a	<b>Great Day of Music Service</b>