

## Prayer Concerns

+Liz, friend of Janis J.	Bill and Marilyn R.
Barb B.	+Debbie, in-law of Janis J.
*Janet, Wendy C.'s friend	

\*=1 week    °=2 weeks    +=3 weeks    ^=4 weeks on prayer list

## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

4/26 Carole Bettinger

4/30 Virginia Steiger

4/30 Judy Solt

5/1 Sara Bridges

## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Tennille Power

Organist: Javier Gonzalez

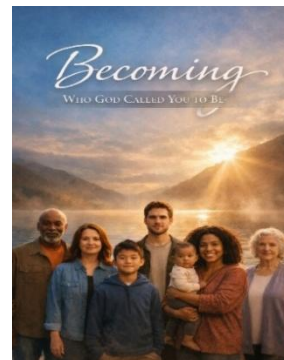
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Liturgist: Chris Byrns

Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Sarah Jackson

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Tennille Power, Pastor

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 11:00 am

### Processional

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**      *Prelude on the "Passion Chorale"*    John G. Barr

### \*Call to Worship

Chris Byrns

Leader: Beloved of God, we gather in this sacred space, not as finished people, but as people in process.

**People: We come carrying who we have been, and opening ourselves to who we are becoming.**

Leader: The God who raised Jesus from the dead is still at work; renewing, restoring, and recreating.

**People: We come to encounter the God who makes all things new.**

Leader: The old has passed away; the new is breaking forth.

**People: We step into this moment with hope and expectation.**

Leader: For in Christ, there is new life. In Christ, there is new identity. In Christ, there is a new way forward.

**People: We step into this moment with hope, trusting that God is not finished with us yet.**

Leader: Come, not with perfection, but with openness. Come, not with certainty, but with expectation.



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**People:** We come ready to be shaped, ready to be renewed, ready to become who God has called us to be.

**All:** Let us worship the God who is always creating, always calling, And always making us new.

**\*Opening Prayer**

God of new beginnings, we come into this space carrying what was; old thoughts, old fears, old burdens. Yet You call us beyond what has been into what can be. So meet us here, in this moment of worship, And do what only You can do. Create in us something new. Restore what has been worn down, and remind us that we are still becoming who You have called us to be. In the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 43:18-19

**New Testament Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**Hymn** *God Is Here* UMH 660

**Baptism** *Agnes Rose Idada*

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Responsive Prayer**

Leader: God of grace, You meet us right where we are; in the middle of our stories, in the midst of our becoming.

**People:** You see us fully and love us completely, even as You call us forward.

Leader: When we cling to what is familiar, even when it no longer gives us life

**People:** Gently loosen our grip, O God, and lead us into something new.

Leader: When fear whispers that we cannot change, that we are stuck in who we have been,

**People:** Remind us that in Christ, we are a new creation.

Leader: When we grow weary in the process of becoming, when

transformation feels slow or uncertain,

**People:** Strengthen our hearts, and give us patience with ourselves.

Leader: Teach us to trust Your work within us, even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

**People:** Help us to walk by faith, believing that You are not finished with us yet.

Leader: And as we continue this journey of becoming,

**People:** Walk with us, guide us, and hold us, now and always.

**All:** In the name of the Risen Christ, who makes all things new, Amen.

**Choral Anthem**

**\*Offering Invitation**

**\*Doxology** UMH 94

**\*Prayer for the Offering**

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**\*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.**

**Hymn** *I Love You Lord (sing twice)* TFWS 2068

**Sermon** “Becoming Who God Called You to Be”  
Pastor Tennille Power

**\*Closing Hymn** *Take My Life and Let It Be* UMH 399

**\*Benediction/Recessional**

**Postlude** *Today The Son of God Triumphs* J. S. Bach  
(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)