

Order of Worship for May 18, 2025

Welcome

Opening Prayer:

We come convinced of many things
but trusting very few.
Holy God of limitless surprises,
meet us here
in this place
as we touch that which we can not see
that which we have not dared to hope.

Call to Worship:

When we are blinded by anger,
you pour out your love
for all to see;
when we wonder
what tomorrow will bring,
you call us to trust in you;
when sadness fills our lives,
you plant gladness in our hearts.

God of Easter:

touch us with your grace.

You show us your hands,
so we may reach out
to mend the broken;
you show us your feet,
so we may walk with
those the world passes by;
you show us your face,
so we may know what
our sisters and brothers look like.

Risen Christ:

touch us with your compassion.

You open our eyes,
so we may see God's love;
you open our minds,
so we may welcome God's Word;
you open our lips,
so we may be God's witnesses.

Spirit of Hope:
touch us with your peace.

God in Community, Holy in One,
open us to your presence
this and every morning,
in this place and every place.

Song: Come People of the Risen King

God's Greeting

Song: Holy Forever

Confession:

Holy One,

We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

To serve each other in love and humility.

To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride,
when we judge others and put ourselves in seats of honour,
when our words and actions are not guided by love.
Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,

Forgive us, Welcoming God.

Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility
that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus,
our Lord and Savior,
throwing a party for the poor, the damaged,
the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

Assurance of Pardon:

This is the good news: From Romans 8:

Jesus loves us. Nothing—Nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Song: The Goodness of God

Faithful Living:

Because of God's Great salvation, the Spirit strengthens us to live in gratitude and faith. Let us live by the spirit as we say The Ten Commandments together.....

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: The Love of our Awesome God

Song: Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

Congregational Prayer

Offering *(Song: His Heart Beats by Andrew Peterson)*

Praying over the offering

God's Parting Blessing

Song: The Blessing/Doxology