

**Order of the Worship Service**  
**May 4, 2025, 10:00am**  
**Holy Communion**  
**John Welton, preaching**

Choral Prelude

*Sanctuary Choir, Atlee Beam, director*

Welcome and Church Life

\*Call to Worship

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Come and see the love God has given to us.

**All: Come and see what it means to be children of God.**

One: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

**All: With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

\*Opening Hymn 461

GOD IS HERE!

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, of our longing,**

**you raised Jesus Christ from the dead.**

**We confess that the emptiness of the tomb**  
**often leaves us befuddled and disappointed.**

**We know what we had hoped,**

**but we can't see what has actually happened.**

**We know the good news, but our hearts struggle to believe it.**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: The grace of God is always doing a new thing—whether we are prepared, or worthy, or not. Let yourself live and believe this good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen**

\*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Invitation to Children's church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

*Luke 24:36-49*

Sermon

*John Welton, preaching*

Hymn of Preparation 514

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . . . .**

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn 108

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Blessing