

*Just a Closer Walk
with Thee*



Guest Minister, Rev. Dorothy
Buffy, Liturgist
Linden, Organist

April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday After Easter

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Acts 2:14, 36-41 (pg. 119 [144 LP] NT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: One day, then another, all come alike until we find
and touch and are touched by the gift within;

People: Each day new, like land first discovered
or a robin's call escaped through the keyhole
of spring locked away.

Leader: There is no life quite like the one that is yours, that is mine;
common days gilded from within...

People: with hearts that burn like those so long ago as we
recognize Christ, here with us on the journey.

*HYMN #467

"How Great Thou Art!"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Holy God who fills our days with Grace; those moments of wonder,
moments of quiet knowing; Ever-Gracious Lord of our good times
and of times not-so-good; we confess a distance of heart and mind
that comes with lives fattened on a steady diet of routine living.
How quickly our hosannas have died. How quickly we have walked
on down the road, beyond the empty tomb. How quickly we have
forgotten the miracle life is with you. Forgive us, Lord. Quicken our
hearts too, along our common-day roads. We pray in the Name of
the Risen Christ. Amen.

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (pg. 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Portville Presbyterian Quartet Singers
"Let the Praise Go 'Round"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19*
(pg. 564 [694 LP] OT)

NEW TEST. READING *1 Peter 1: 17-23* (pg. 232 [282 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 24:13-35* (pg. 90 [109 LP] NT)

SERMON Rev. Dorothy

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #302 *"I Danced in the Morning"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (pg. 592 in the *Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have any articles and/or photos for the May/June newsletter sent to Julie by next Sunday, April 26th. Thank you!

*HYMN #151 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Linden

For the week beginning April 19, 2026

GREETERS: Terry and Judy

PRAYER FAMILY: Julie and John

ELDER for the Month: Barb

Mon. Office Closed

Food Pantry Set-up 9:00 a.m.

Tue Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Set-up 9:00 a.m.

Wed Office Hours 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Thurs Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Fri Office Closed

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth

Liturgist: Craig

Greeters: Norm and Connie

Organist: Linden

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH

April's Mission Highlight of the Month is the Portville Community Food Pantry. We're looking to build up a stockpile of two staple items that are offered each month... Egg noodles and 1# bags of rice. There is a display in the Narthex where you can drop off donations. Thank you!

The May Worship Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet is located in the Narthex. Please consider signing up to help with our service!

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