

Order of Worship

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Welcome

* Call to Worship

We gather in a world that tells us to store up and hold tight,

But God invites us to live with open hands.

We are taught to measure our lives by what we possess,

But God reminds us that life is more than abundance of things.

When fear whispers, "There is not enough,"

God says, "You are already held in my care."

When we are tempted to build bigger barns,

God calls us to richer lives - lives of generosity and grace.

Come, let us worship the God who restores us to life.

We come, longing to be fully alive.

* Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Musical Welcome

Where Children Belong

TFWS 2233

Children's Time

Offering

Anthem

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

* Doxology

UMH 94

Scripture

Luke 12:13-21 (CEB), 1 Timothy 6:6-10 (CEB)

Message

Avarice – from stuffocation to gratitude & generosity

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Creator, who calls us from scarcity into abundance, from grasping into gratitude, trusting that there is enough and that we are enough.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son, who meets us in rest and presence, turning our distraction into attention, opening our eyes to the sacred in the ordinary.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gathers us into community, shaping humility, belonging, and shared life, reminding us that no one flourishes alone.

We believe in the Triune God, who honors the full humanity of every person, welcomes without condition, and names us beloved.

We believe in our God who delights in creation, awakens us to joy, beauty, and sorrow, and calls us into the peacemaking way of Christ - a peace that leans in, listens, and restores. We believe that God's grace holds us in every struggle.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are named, claimed, and sent - broken and becoming, forgiven and free. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation to Discipleship

* Hymn

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 87

* Blessing

* Response

UMH 143

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the Sun
And hold you in the palm of God's hand**