



**April 19, 2026** **Third Sunday of Easter**  
**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the LightBell of Mindfulness  
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"O Worship the King"  
Attr. To Johann Michael Haydn  
Arr. Jay Rouse

\*Call to Worship Joseph McKinley

One: Lift your voices to God.

**All: We call on the One who promises to hear us.**

One: In life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.

**All: We rejoice in the One who saves us.**

One: We will break the Bread of life in thanksgiving to God.

**All: We will lift up the Cup of salvation, drinking deeply from it.**

**\*Hymn #229**

**"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" (vs. 1, 2, and 4)**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Joseph McKinley  
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Joseph McKinley

Acts 9:1-9

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael

Ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to  
Worship and Wonder (located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Special Music 1st / 3rd Quartet  
Shirley Sandifer & Angela Bruce, piano

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"  
#277 Sacred Harp  
F.C. Wood (1850)  
Arr. by Dan Forrest

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Acts 9:10-20

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"On a Street Called Straight"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #233**

**"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" (vs. 1 and 3)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Choir

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Gather Among Us"

Composed by Phillip Mitchell

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

\*Dedication Prayer

**RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion  
without regard for denominational affiliation.*

*You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion

Chris & Stacy Castlen

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Connie Ford, flute

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Air on a G String"

Johann Sebastian Bach

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Scripture Reading**

**First Reading - Acts 9:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

**Second Reading - Acts 9:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."