

GATHERING MUSIC

**HANKEY - setting by Emma Lou Diemer**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**  
Death is not the final word. **We will not fear it anymore.**  
Christ is risen! Hallelujah! **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,  
source of mercy, tender and mighty,  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.  
Your steadfast love fills the earth.  
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water,  
satisfying the thirst of all living things,  
sustaining life in this community,  
nourishing and delighting us.  
We bless you for these gifts of water:  
Fox River, Lake Michigan,  
Illinois and Mississippi Rivers.  
Your steadfast love fills the earth.  
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water,  
a sign of your saving power:  
Noah and the animals survive the flood,  
Hagar discovers your well.  
The Israelites escape through the sea,  
and they drink from your gushing rock.  
Naaman washes his leprosy away,  
and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.  
Your steadfast love fills the earth.  
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through the water of baptism  
joined to your life-giving Word:  
your well of mercy and cleansing flood,  
your sea of deliverance from death into life,  
your healing river washing sin away,  
your living water springing up to eternal life.  
Your steadfast love fills the earth.  
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Shower us with your Holy Spirit.  
Fill us with your love.  
Clothe us and all your people with grace.  
Embolden us to do justice.  
Bless us to love mercy.  
Guide us to walk humbly with you,  
whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY    The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of might,  
Your messengers' words were not always well received, but they were full of your truth. **Give us courage to speak out in the face of injustice and opposition, confident that you will strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—  
 pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.  
 The word of God re - sounds through time and space:  
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul D. Weber, b. 1949  
 Music: FOUNDED ON FAITH, Paul D. Weber  
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### The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Reading: **Luke 23:33-34a, 46**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

33When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ 34Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 46Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

PREACHING TEXT: Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Vicar Amber Kalina

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Song of Spring” - Kevin Olson**

Matt Slifka, piano

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS After each petition: God of wisdom, **Hear our prayer.**

## 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 and ever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Christy Heins

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

**"Impromptu" by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor**