



May 17, 2026  
11 am NORTH

GREETING – John

PRELUDE – May, organ

*Open Now the Gates of Beauty*  
Paul Manz (1938-2025)

CALL TO WORSHIP - John

**One:** Blessed are those who delight in the way  
of God—

**Many:** We come seeking to be rooted in  
love and grace.

**One:** Like trees planted by streams of water,

**Many:** We long to grow strong in faith and  
bear good fruit.

**One:** Even when life feels cut down or  
uncertain,

**Many: God promises new shoots, new life,  
new beginnings.**

**One:** At the growing edge, where faith  
stretches and hope deepens,

**Many: We trust that God is not finished  
with us yet.**

**One:** Come, let us worship the One who  
nurtures all life.

**All: We gather to grow, to be renewed, and  
to follow where God leads.**

## OPENING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION (#407  
New Century) - verses 1-5*

**How firm a foundation for you has been  
laid,  
by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!  
What more can God say than to you has  
been said,  
to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not  
dismayed,  
for I am your God, and will still give you  
aid;**

**I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you  
to stand  
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."**

**"When through the deep waters I call you  
to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not over you flow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to  
bless,  
delivering you from your deepest  
distress."**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway  
shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your  
supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have  
designed  
your soul to make pure just as gold is  
refined."**

**"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for  
repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor  
to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"**

**WELCOME – Sarah**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT –Sarah

### PSALTER READING – Sarah

Psalm 1:1-3

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that sinners tread

or sit in the seat of scoffers,

<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees

planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

### ANTHEM- Chancel Choir

*Locus Iste* Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – John

### OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—Sarah

Receiving the People's Gifts

**ANTHEM –Chancel Choir**  
***O Love That will Not Let Me Go***  
**arr. Molly Ijames (b. 1979)**

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication  
- Sarah

ONE: As the gifts are presented, will all rise in  
body or spirit?

**ALL: Gracious God, you bring new life  
where we least expect it. Receive these  
gifts and all that we are, and use them for  
your purposes of love and justice in the  
world. Stretch us at the growing edge of  
our faith, and guide us in the way of Christ.  
In gratitude and hope, we pray. Amen.**

Doxology

**Adoring praises now we bring, and with  
the heavenly blessed sing, "Christ hath  
triumphed, alleluia!" Sing, choirs of angels,  
loud and clear, repeat their song of glory  
here, "Christ has triumphed, Christ is  
living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER -Glen**  
Tanya Ash

## OLD TESTAMENT READING –

### Deacon

Job 14:7-9

“For there is hope for a tree,  
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again  
and that its shoots will not cease.

<sup>8</sup>Though its root grows old in the earth  
and its stump dies in the ground,

<sup>9</sup>yet at the scent of water it will bud  
and put forth branches like a young plant.

## SERMON – Rev. Terri Hord Owens

*"The Growing Edge"*

### HYMN

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL (#233  
Chalice) - verses 1-3

**Alleluia! sing to Jesus,  
risen now to reign in love.  
Alleluia! Praise the Savior;  
with the multitudes above.  
There the songs of saints and martyrs  
thunder like a mighty flood,  
"Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.**

**Alleluia! Christ is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget the promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
be on earth our food and stay.  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**BENEDICTION– Rev. Terri Hord  
Owens**

**POSTLUDE – May**  
*Postlude on "Morning Song"*  
David Lasky (b. 1957)

