

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 2026  
10:30 AM



*“Christ shows himself to Thomas,” Washington National Cathedral*

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**Welcome. Peace be with you.**

**We continue our holy experiment.** We’re worshipping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome!

**For those worshipping in-person, please remember:**

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another’s boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We’ll follow up. It’s also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at [ulch@ulch.org](mailto:ulch@ulch.org).
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families at the front of the sanctuary. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

**Land Acknowledgment**

*This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We’re actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.*

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

# GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able. Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. ACS refers to *All Creation Sings*, an ELW supplement.

## Prelude

Wasn't That a Mighty Day    Spiritual, arr. Venita MacGorman  
*Hope Handbells*

## Welcome

### + Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (local waters may be named).

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

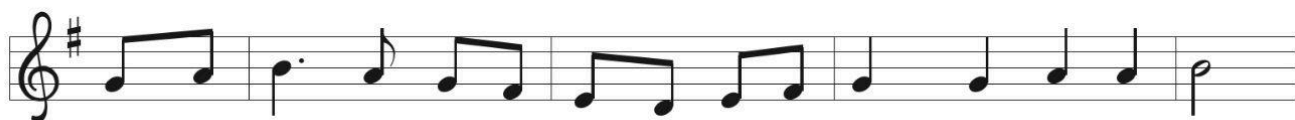
**Amen.**



*¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!*  
 1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.  
 2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.  
 3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



*Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.*  
 Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.  
 Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."  
 Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



*No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.*  
 Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?  
 Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.  
 For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



*¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.*  
 Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.  
 Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!  
 Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

+ Greeting

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

+ Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# WORD

## Children's Message

### Psalm 16

*The psalm is read responsively. The Lector reads the plain text, **All read the bold text***

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Maker, "You are my God, my good  
above all other."

**2 All my delight is in the godly that are in the  
land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

5 O God, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**8 I have set the Lord always before me; because God  
is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life;  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in  
your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

<sup>1</sup> Protégeme, oh Dios,  
porque en ti busco refugio.

<sup>2</sup> **Yo le he dicho al SEÑOR: «Mi Señor eres tú.  
Fuera de ti, no poseo bien alguno».**

<sup>3</sup> En cuanto a los santos que están en la tierra,  
son los nobles en quienes está toda mi delicia.

<sup>4</sup> **Aumentarán los dolores  
de los que corren tras otros dioses.**

**¡Jamás derramaré sus ofrendas de sangre  
ni con mis labios pronunciaré sus nombres!**

<sup>5</sup> Tú, SEÑOR, eres mi herencia y mi copa;  
eres tú quien ha afirmado mi porción.

<sup>6</sup> **Bellos lugares me han tocado;  
¡preciosa herencia me ha correspondido!**

<sup>7</sup> Bendeciré al SEÑOR, quien me aconseja;  
**aun de noche mi corazón se instruye.**

<sup>8</sup> **Siempre tengo presente al SEÑOR;  
con él a mi derecha, nada me hará caer.**

<sup>9</sup> Por eso mi corazón se alegra  
y se regocijan mis entrañas;  
mi cuerpo también vivirá confiado.

<sup>10</sup> **No me abandonarás en los dominios de la muerte;  
no permitirás que sufra corrupción tu siervo fiel.**

<sup>11</sup> Me has dado a conocer el camino de la vida;  
**me llenarás de alegría en tu presencia  
y de dicha eterna a tu derecha.**

### + Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 4



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## + Gospel Reading - John 20:19-31

The resurrection gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon - Izzy Simon**

## + Hymn of the Day

We Walk By Faith (*vss. 1-3*)

ELW 635

Al atardecer de aquel primer día de la semana, estando reunidos los discípulos a puerta cerrada por temor a los judíos, entró Jesús y poniéndose en medio de ellos, dijo:—¡La paz sea con ustedes! Dicho esto, les mostró las manos y el costado. Al ver al Señor, los discípulos se alegraron. —¡La paz sea con ustedes! —repitió Jesús—. Como el Padre me envió a mí, así yo los envío a ustedes. Acto seguido, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo:—Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A quienes perdonen sus pecados, les serán perdonados; a quienes no se los perdonen, no les serán perdonados. Tomás, al que apodaban el Gemelo y que era uno de los doce, no estaba con los discípulos cuando llegó Jesús. Así que los otros discípulos le dijeron:—¡Hemos visto al Señor! —Mientras no vea yo la marca de los clavos en sus manos, y meta mi dedo en las marcas y mi mano en su costado, no lo creeré —repuso Tomás. Una semana más tarde estaban los discípulos de nuevo en la casa y Tomás estaba con ellos. Aunque las puertas estaban cerradas, Jesús entró y, poniéndose en medio de ellos, los saludó.—¡La paz sea con ustedes! Luego dijo a Tomás:—Pon tu dedo aquí y mira mis manos. Acerca tu mano y métela en mi costado. Y no seas incrédulo, sino hombre de fe. —¡Señor mío y Dios mío! —exclamó Tomás.—Porque me has visto, has creído —le dijo Jesús—; dichosos los que no han visto y sin embargo creen. Jesús hizo muchas otras señales en presencia de sus discípulos, las cuales no están registradas en este libro. Pero estas se han escrito para que ustedes crean que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, y para que al creer en su nombre tengan vida.

El Evangelio del Señor.

**Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

## + Prayers of the People

*Following each petition: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.*

## + Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

**And also with you.**

**Y también contigo.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."*

# MEAL

## Offertory

Un Cantico Nuevo

Brazilian folk melody (ELW 822)

*Hope Handbells*

arr. Venita MacGorman

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## + Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## + The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to our God.**

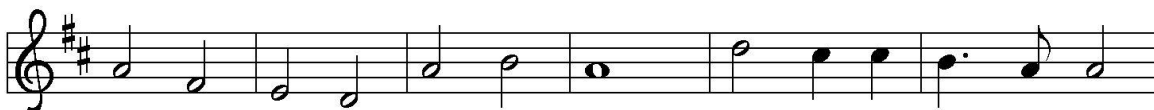
Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:

## + Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

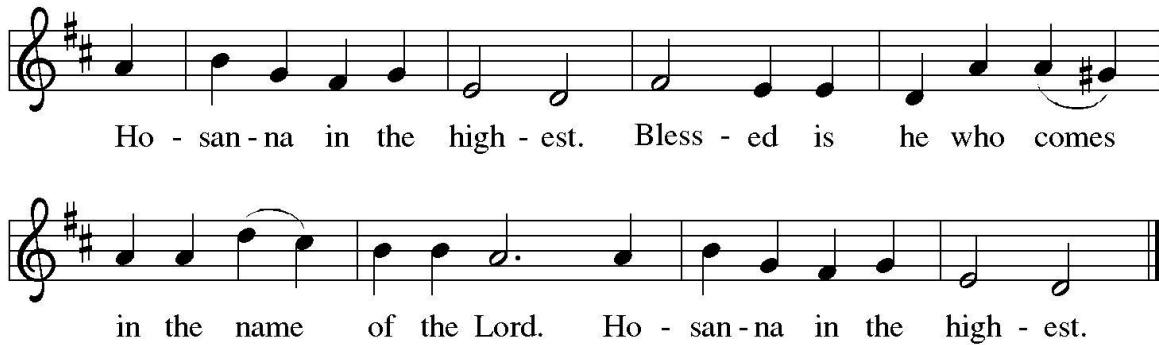
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



## +Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

### +The Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.**

## Holy Communion

*We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.*

***If you are at home and sitting with others...*** *When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

***If you are at home on your own...*** *Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

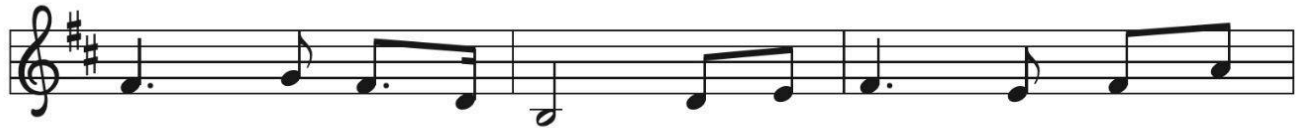
***If you are worshiping in-person today...*** *We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), receive either the red wine or white grape juice in your cup, place your used cup in the basket. Children of all ages are welcome to partake at Holy Communion.*

***If you seek healing prayers today...*** *A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will.*

***If you are so inclined during this time...*** *You may dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, light candles for situations around the world and close to home or add a prayer to the prayer wall. All prayer slips remain anonymous. Periodically throughout the year, prayers are removed from the wall, blessed during worship, and burned in our courtyard fireplace as a sign of releasing our burdens and entrusting our concerns to God's care.*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
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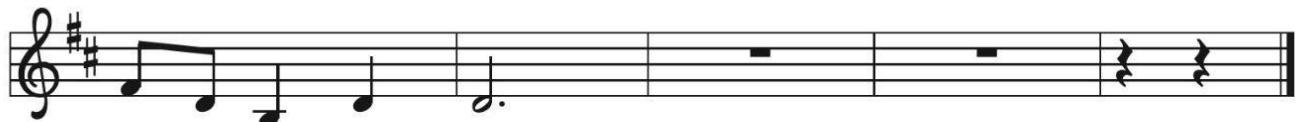
*Refrain*



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



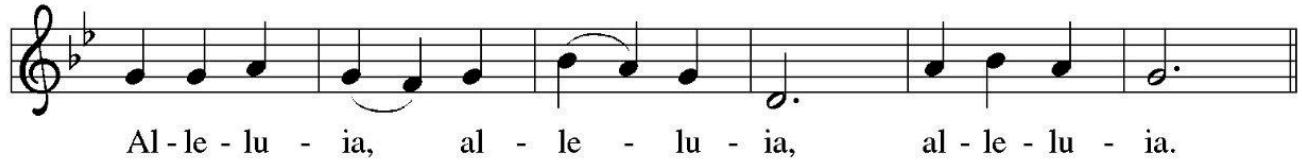
grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (*All sing below, Cantor sings the verses*) ELW 386



**+ Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**+ Prayer after Communion**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

**+Announcements**

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**+Sending Hymn**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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**+Blessing**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**+Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

The Day of Resurrection

arr. Zack Unke (2022)

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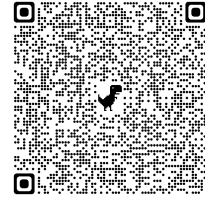
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**Today’s Worship Leaders**

Pastor Amanda Simons (presiding minister); Deb Bordsen (assisting minister); Hope Handbells, Paul Stever (musicians); Ann Agrimson, Lisa Morse, Ruth Hedman, John Lauber (communion servers); Eric Ringham (lector); Elizabeth Fry (worship tech facilitator); Sheila Haugen (greeter); Tom, Jane, Magda and Freddie VanHeuvelen (ushers); Malena Carlson, Juna Evans, Elvie McNamara (acolytes); Julaine Kobiske (worship prep); John Beane, Gretchen Peik (communion clean-up); Jason Lukis, Donna Neste (healing prayer)

## **"Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday" - TODAY**

### **"Young Adults, LCM, and the Future of the Church"**

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities is a young adult ministry at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities that centers the unconditional love of God, and is marked by curiosity, integrity, and a commitment to creating belonging for one another and our neighbors. While we often talk about young adults as the "future" of the church, the young adults that comprise LCM are actively shaping our church right now, in the present.

As we move into yet another set of uncharted waters politically and culturally, we continue to learn so much from the young adults in our midst about the power of the Gospel, the deep hunger for grounding spiritual practices, and the eagerness to belong to a community that shares ones' values. Whether bearing the weight of grief and loss, AI, a fractured political system or the weight of mental illness, young adults are learning what it means to be resilient and faithful amidst a world that will likely be uncertain for a very long time.

And still, or maybe because of this uncertainty, students are actively engaged with their faith. They are hungry, and they show up to pray, to serve, to learn, and to worship together. More than anything, they show up to connect, and to center down in the love of God. At LCM, we see first-hand the incredible work of the Holy Spirit, who animates these young adults and our ministry among them.

We are excited to let you know that a recent U of M graduate will be preaching today, proclaiming the Gospel, and sharing stories about their life as a young adult. We are also excited to thank you, and to invite you into further partnership with this ministry.

### **Special Offering Invitation: Support Lutheran Campus Ministry Twin Cities**

As we've been learning about today in worship and Sunday Forum, Lutheran Campus Ministry Twin Cities is a young adult ministry at the University of Minnesota- Twin Cities that centers the unconditional love of God and offers connection for students to meet God, self, and one another where they are in their faith journey. Your support matters now as much as it ever has. Please consider making a gift today to support this vibrant ministry for the young adults who are shaping the future of our church and society now. Make a gift at <https://lcmtc.org/support-us/>.

## **April Sunday Forums: Hope for Future Generations**

### **April 19 and 26: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, presented by Lori Brandt Hale.**

At this time of rising authoritarianism in our country and around the world, we have a unique opportunity to explore the thoughts of Lutheran theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, with an expert in the field. Dr. Lori Brandt Hale is a professor at Augsburg College and a member of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section (IBS-ELS). This society is dedicated to advancing the theology and legacy of German pastor-theologian and Nazi resister, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in the academy, church, and world.

“The ultimately responsible question is not how I extricate myself heroically from a situation but how a coming generation is to go on living.” ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, December 1942.

### **Fellowship Meal - April 19**

Fellowship Meal will be on April 19. Details will be shared as we get closer to the date regarding entree. Please bring salads and desserts. Questions? Contact Sheila Hougen and Ann Beane.

### **Holden Evening Prayer Around the World**

#### **Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 pm University Lutheran Church of Hope Sanctuary**

Join us for this special service as we gather with communities around the world to celebrate Holden Village and the 40th anniversary of Vespers '86, the beloved liturgy composed by Marty Haugen during his residency at Holden. Friends of both Hope and Holden are warmly invited.

The service will include a time of fellowship afterward and a special offering to support Holden Village as it recovers from the devastating mudslides and flooding that destroyed the access road to the village.

### **Special Offering Invitation: Support the Sanctuary Fund**

In 2016, our congregation committed to being a sanctuary congregation for our immigrant neighbors. Through the Sanctuary Fund—also known as the Hopeful Hope Sanctuary Fund—we continue to provide direct legal and mutual aid to individuals and families we accompany.

This Easter season, we invite you to make a special offering, above and beyond your regular giving, to support this ministry. Your generosity offers hope and practical support to our immigrant friends in challenging times. Gifts may given online via [www.ulch.org](http://www.ulch.org)