

Church of the Harvest (ARP)  
Order of Worship  
Sunday, April 26, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

*Theme: The Hope of His Coming*

**We Gather to Worship God**

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION                  Psalm 24:8-10

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

SILENT PREPARATION

- \* CALL TO WORSHIP                          Revelation 15:3-4  
*God calls us into His presence to connect with Him in worship.*

Leader: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!  
**All: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

- \* OPENING PRAYER  
*We respond to God's gracious invitation by asking Him to empower and receive our worship*

- \* SONG OF PRAISE                                  # 676  
*God's people have always worshiped Him in song, and we join our voices with theirs to give Him praise as our Creator and Redeemer.*

*O God Beyond All Praising*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION          *Book of Common Prayer*

*As we come into God's presence, we see ourselves as we are and at his invitation, we confess our sins individually and together.*

**(Unison) Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: We confess to you with our whole heart our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments our wrongdoing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts we have done to others, and the good we have left undone. O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you; and raise us to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (Silent Confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE      Joel 2:12-13  
*God declares that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from the guilt and shame of all their sins.*

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*In gratitude to God, we give back a portion of what he has entrusted to us for the work of His kingdom.*

- \*DOXOLOGY  
*We celebrate what God has done, giving Him all the credit for it.*

THE SHEPHERDING PRAYER  
*We express our hearts to God on behalf of God's people for grace and mercy especially for the hurting, needy, and broken.*

**(Unison) 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**We Hear God's Word**

SONG OF PREPARATION                          # 883  
*We worship God in song as we prepare our hearts to hear His Word.*

*When This Passing World Is Done*

SCRIPTURE READING                  Revelation 22:6-21 (ESV)  
*The early church treasured the communal reading of Scripture. Rooted in this tradition we publicly read a portion of His Word.*

MESSAGE    Rev. Ken Bush  
*God has ordained the preaching of the Bible to be the chief means of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.*

*“Amen, Come, Lord Jesus”*

**We Respond to God's Call**

- \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH          *Heidelberg Catechism 28*  
*We affirm our faith about what we have heard from His Word by reciting from Scripture or one of the confessions of His church.*

Question 76: What does it mean to eat the crucified body and drink the shed blood of Christ?

**Answer: It means not only to embrace with a believing heart all the sufferings and death of Christ, and thereby to obtain the forgiveness of sins and life eternal; but moreover, also, to be so united more and more to His sacred body by the Holy Spirit, who dwells both in Christ and in us, that, although He is in heaven and we on earth, we are nevertheless flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone, and live and are governed forever by one Spirit, as members of the same body are governed by one soul**

SONG OF COMMUNION REFLECTION          # 211  
*We reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Table in song*

*The King in All His Beauty*

\* Please Stand. Unless noted, all Scripture is from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*. ▪ CCLI #20061381

### *LORD'S SUPPER*

*We welcome all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus for salvation and who are members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel to take the Lord's Supper with us.*

The tinted cups in the center are grape juice and the clear cups around the outside contain Port wine.

- \* SONG OF *RESPONSE* # 224  
*We respond to God in song as we prepare our hearts to go out into the world on His behalf.*

*Christus Victor (Amen)*

### **We Depart to Serve God**

- \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
*We depart with and challenge and a final "good word" as reminders of the grace given to us in the Gospel.*

- \* THREE-FOLD AMEN

- \* Please Stand.

### **Announcements**

**Tithes and Offerings:** If you have tithes and offerings that you wish to give to the Lord as a part of your worship, please place them in the box located on the Welcome Table.

**Fellowship Meal:** Join us for a fellowship meal after our Sunday service. We will move down the road to Len and Marjan VanWingerden's to fellowship together. In case of bad weather, we will stay at the clubhouse.

**Evening of Prayer:** Join us on the National Day of Prayer May 7<sup>th</sup> here at 6:30 PM.



We appreciate that you took the time to visit and join us for worship.

### *Reflections on Revelation (In Closing)*

Jesus calls us in Revelation to a different response to our minority status. We must not compromise and assimilate in order to evade persecution or curry acceptance, but neither may we withdraw into a safe and self-contained ghetto. As the Lord's minority in the midst of a hostile world, the church is called to be Jesus' witnesses, fearless in engaging the culture because we are confident in his care for as long as our mission on earth lasts. Christ's call to endure is not a summons to grim, teeth-gritted obstinacy but to openhearted, openmouthed persistence in serving as the King's ambassadors to a foolish, needy, and undeserving world. Knowing that we ourselves are foolish, needy, and undeserving, we hold forth the testimony of Jesus in joy and love, for as long as God's patience waits. We know that through this witness he gathers in every one of his own, so the whole number of his true Israel-every one of them, from every one of the earth's peoples, nations, tribes, and tongues-will stand before his throne, gladly serving him. And we will see his face. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Johnson, Dennis E. *Triumph of the Lamb: A Commentary on Revelation*