

Sunday, April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP-congregational responses in bold*

Come, people of God, and hear the good news!

The Lord is with us, just as He was with Mary.

The angel declared, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God."

We come with open hearts, trusting in God's promises.

Then let us worship the Lord, who does great things for us!

Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Trust and Obey UMH#467

CALL TO CONFESSION Scripture reminds us: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So, with humility and hope, let us come before God in prayer, confessing our sins and opening our hearts to the renewing work of the Spirit. *(Pause for silent confession)* Let us pray,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **God of wisdom, you call us to trust in you completely. Yet we confess we often rely on ourselves. You invite us to walk paths we cannot yet see. Yet we resist, fearing the unknown. You call us to faithful**

obedience. Yet we question and doubt your purposes. Forgive us, O God, for hearts that hesitate to trust. Teach us to lean not on our own understanding, but to follow where you lead. Give us the courage to say "yes" to your call, and trust that you will make our paths straight. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Hear the good news: God knows the places where trust is hard, and still meets us with compassion. You are not defined by your hesitation, but by God's grace. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, loved, and led forward in faith. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Proverbs 3:5-6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE As the children come forward, please sing "Jesus Loves Me" First Verse only UMH#191

JOYS/CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

PREPATORY HYMN

What Child is this verse 1 UMH#219

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

We are Called to Trust

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord UMH#593

BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE *Please remain seated
until after the Postlude. Let this time center you to
Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously
this week*

Questions to ponder this week

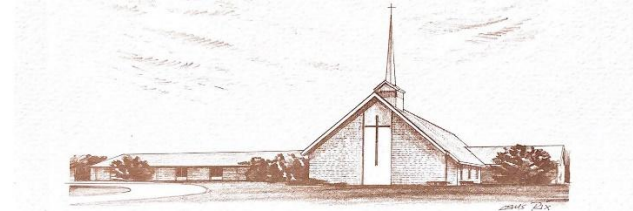
- When has God called you to trust in uncertain circumstances?
- How do you find assurance when God's call seems risky?
- Where is God asking you to step out in faith today?

Prayer Requests-

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