

Hymn "Building- A Song for Wayside" *Frank Richards/Congregation*
(written by Hughes/Richards)

CHORUS

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise God, and he will help us grow
And help us build our church here*

Recognitions, Gratuities, Prayer Requests & The Lord's Prayer

Choir/Grace Notes Anthem Great Things / *Myrin, Wickham, Rouse*

Morning Offering / Offertory (*Wayside ministry support & Heifer Int'l*)
Offering Plates front/rear of sanctuary – tap if giving digitally. Thank you!



Faith Testimony *Frank Richards*
Song "A Place for Wayside" by *Kinks/Richards*

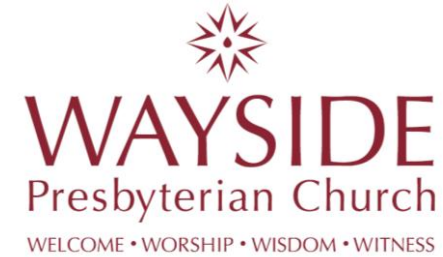
Communion (by intinction) *assisted by David Hess, Deb Kereczman,
& Michael McDonald*

***Hymn 698** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

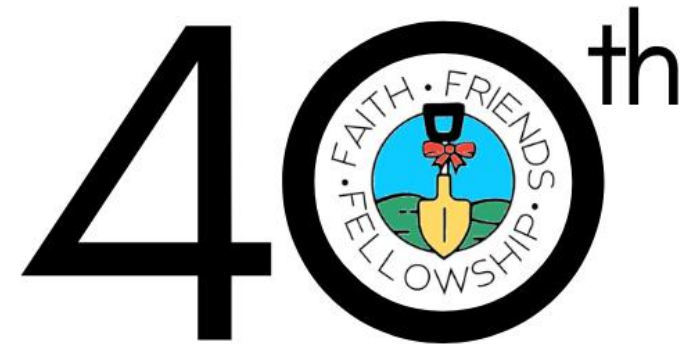
***Benediction**

***Parting Music** *Deb Konupka, Accompanist*

Next Sunday: Return to two services, 9:00am traditional and 10:30am contemporary. Confirmation/Commissioning & Graduate Recognition at 10:30. Wayside serving meal at Columbia Dream Center, 4:30 – 6:30pm.



Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



**ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

**April 26, 2026
10:00 am**

Unstaffed Nursery Parental Supervision; Wheelchair, Hearing Assist System & Large Print Bibles available. See the A/V booth for assistance.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday of Easter / 40th Anniversary Celebration / Communion / Heifer

"Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way"

Welcome to Wayside! We are blessed to gather today in person and online with local and distant members, first-time guests, and returning friends. Thank you for adding your voice and prayers to our 40th Anniversary Celebration! If you are without a church home, we invite you to unite with this sacred community in the journey of life and faith. Wayside is Christ-centered, Bible-believing, and Mission-minded. Stay with us "by the Wayside" to see if this church is a good fit for you.

**Please stand as able in body or spirit.*

Song / Lighting of the Worship Candles House of the Lord Grace Notes

Greeting / The Peace of Christ / Ways to Connect Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz

Call to Worship Acts 2:14, 32-33, 41-47 Lori Nimmon, Liturgist

¹⁴Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd. // ³²"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear." // ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. // LET US WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST BY THE WAYSIDE.

*Song Holy Spirit

*Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Gratitude Pastor Steve

Kids' Message "Bleating Hearts" New Heifer Project/The Holsey Family
Children & Youth depart for classes

Responsive Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Liturgist

ONE: Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

ALL: He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

ONE: They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him,

ALL: "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

ONE: What things?" he asked.

ALL: "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

ONE: He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly,

ALL: "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over."

ONE: So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other,

ALL: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

ONE: They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying,

ALL: "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

ONE: Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

ONE: This is the word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**