ALL ARE WELCOME

May 3rd, 2026

***Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING MUSIC** #433 In the Bulb There is a Flower

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Architect of the Universe, Creator of heaven and earth,
Many: We join together in awe and wonder to praise Your name.
One: Spirit of Love, breathing life into all and moving us to justice,
Many: We worship as one body with many gifts of use to the world.
One: Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for us,
Many: We follow Your way, Your truth, and Your life as disciples.
One: Holy God, Blessed Three-In-One,
Many: We trust, worship, follow, and join with You on this journey of faith.

***OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

O Holy One we know our words are inadequate to capture the fullness of Your being, of Your majestic work in creation. Your ways are beyond our comprehension. The words of Scripture are still not enough to tell Your whole story, but they do tell us enough: we are to love. We are to love one another, love this earth that You made and care for it as we care for ourselves, and we are to love You. Guide us into ways of care instead of harm. Teach us how to live out Your loving-kindness with one another, ourselves and all your children. Keep us in Your ways as taught by Jesus, in whose name we pray, now and always. Amen.

-Call to Worship and Opening Prayer adapted from Lectionary Worship Resources by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell.

***HYMN** #391 In the Midst of New Dimensions

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHOIR

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER READING: Psalm 31a, page 640

SUNG RESPONSE: #18 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER, THE LORDS PRAYER

BIBLICAL TESTIMONY: John 14:1-6
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.
And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY: an excerpt from Many Mansions or One Way? The Crisis in Interfaith Dialogue by Harvey Cox, The Christian Century
Multiple specters stalk the human enterprise today. We have reached a point at which strife between nations and religions could lead to the apocalypse. We need more than ever to doxologize the fragile oneness of the whole earth and all its inhabitants. Yet for men and women of faith, the sacred stories by which we hymn the unity of our species and its animal and cosmic neighbors need not be invented. Paradoxically, those stories and symbols are already embedded in the very same traditions that sometimes threaten to tear us asunder. Our task is to claim these reminders of our common destiny from within the disparate sources that first gave them voice.
From Jesus I have learned both that he is the way and that in God's house there are many mansions. I do not believe that these two sayings are contradictory. In fact, I have come to see that only by understanding one can we come to understand the other.

SERMON Finding Our Way

OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DEDICATION OF GIFTS
Generous God, bless these gifts, our time and our resources that they might be used to create a place, here and now, where justice and love abound. Amen.

A CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION
Invitation
Questions to the Candidates

Affirmation of Faith
One: Do you believe in God?
Many: I believe in God.
One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
Many: I believe in Jesus Christ.
One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
Many: I believe in the Holy Spirit.
Act of Confirmation
Welcome
All: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of

the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Prayer

HYMN Welcome to the Family (see insert)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE STORY REMEMBERED

THE BANQUET SHARED

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
God of abundance, thank you for feeding us at this table so that we might be nourished. May this meal strengthen us to be faithful servants, energized disciples and loving friends who live not by fear but by hope and not by words but by deeds. Amen

***HYMN** #539 Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Save The Date! The annual church cleanup day is tentatively planned for May 27th.
- Consistory is looking for volunteers to share **church lawn care** during the summer months. If you are willing to provide lawn care for a week or a month during the summer, please speak to a consistory member.
- The Nebraska Community Foundation has established the Nebraska Wildfire Recovery Fund. The purpose for this fund is to provide financial support to the Nebraska communities that were greatly affected by the 2026 wildfires. For more information and to contribute to the fund, visit www.nebcommfound.org/give/nebraska-wildfire-recovery-fund.
- A **free pantry** has been stocked in the entry of Tilden city auditorium. Please take what you need and share if you can.
- Join us for **Coffee and Fellowship** before worship in the fellowship hall. A signup sheet can be found in the fellowship hall.
- **EV Teammates** are in need of mentors, especially males, at this time. Please let Dave know, if you're interested.

CARE CENTER / HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:

Deloris Ashburn Harlene Redinbaugh Shirley Dahl
Julie Decker

CONCERNS:

Divided America
Bill Osborn
Kandi Hart
Carter Brown
Theresa Sullivan Meyer
Kuether Family
Marty Siems
Rod & Cyd Watson

Terry Kuether
Laura Rutjens
Graham Sayers
John Johnson
Emily Bromley
Don Carter Family
Decker Family
Gary Warner
Boyd Batenhorst

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Michelle Dittmer
Dave Carstens
Holli Perez
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