



Come to Believe † Come to Belong
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 21, 2024

PRELUDE

Rob Aaron

“Come to believe, Come to belong, Come to receive, the promise of God”

P) Alleluia! Christ is risen! C) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-reflection)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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GREETING

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

KYRIE (Lord, Have Mercy)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together: **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

CHOIR

“The Lord’s My Sheperd, I’ll not Want”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

³ **He restores my soul.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me

And nothing will I fear as long as you are near, please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

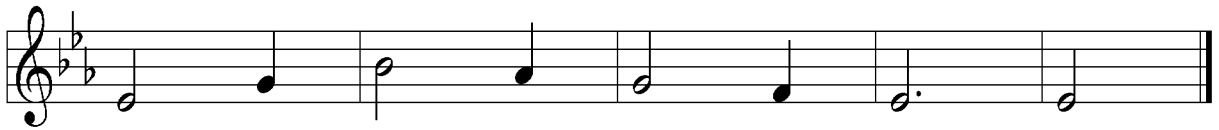
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant pas - tures
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der gent - ly
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my com - fort



his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P) Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, thank you for being our Good Shepherd! We see paintings of you leading spotless sheep through grassy meadows, with not a speck of dirt on you. But real life is messy, dirty, and stony. Thank you for bearing us, and bearing *with* us, through it all. Thank you for leading us safely to your Father's house.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

O Good Shepherd, defend your Church from peril. Provide for our needs. Lead us in paths of righteousness and holiness. Use us to lead many to hear your voice and follow you. Bless pastors and church leaders and make them faithful shepherds for your flock.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

O Dear Shepherd of this congregation, lead us with your Word. Prepare our table with your Body and Blood. Teach us to do your will with glad and faithful hearts. Use us to lead many into your safe-keeping.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

O Gate of your sheep, protect us all from false shepherds, especially rulers who care nothing for our welfare. Bring your people lasting peace, rich pasture, and true righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

O Rod and Staff of your people, bless those who stand in harm's way on our behalf. Guard, guide, and strengthen them. Prosper all they do that pleases you. Bring them home safely and soon.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

O Light and Path through death's dark valley, be the strong guide and sure comfort of all who call upon you, especially those we name out loud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent and spoken prayers*). Fill them with your abundant life. Keep them steadfast in faith. Strengthen and bless all who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, thank you for bringing safely home all those who listened to your voice in this earthly life. Keep us close to your side. Lead us to that place where we shall dwell with you and with all the redeemed, and shall feast at your heavenly table forever.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

P) Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...

Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

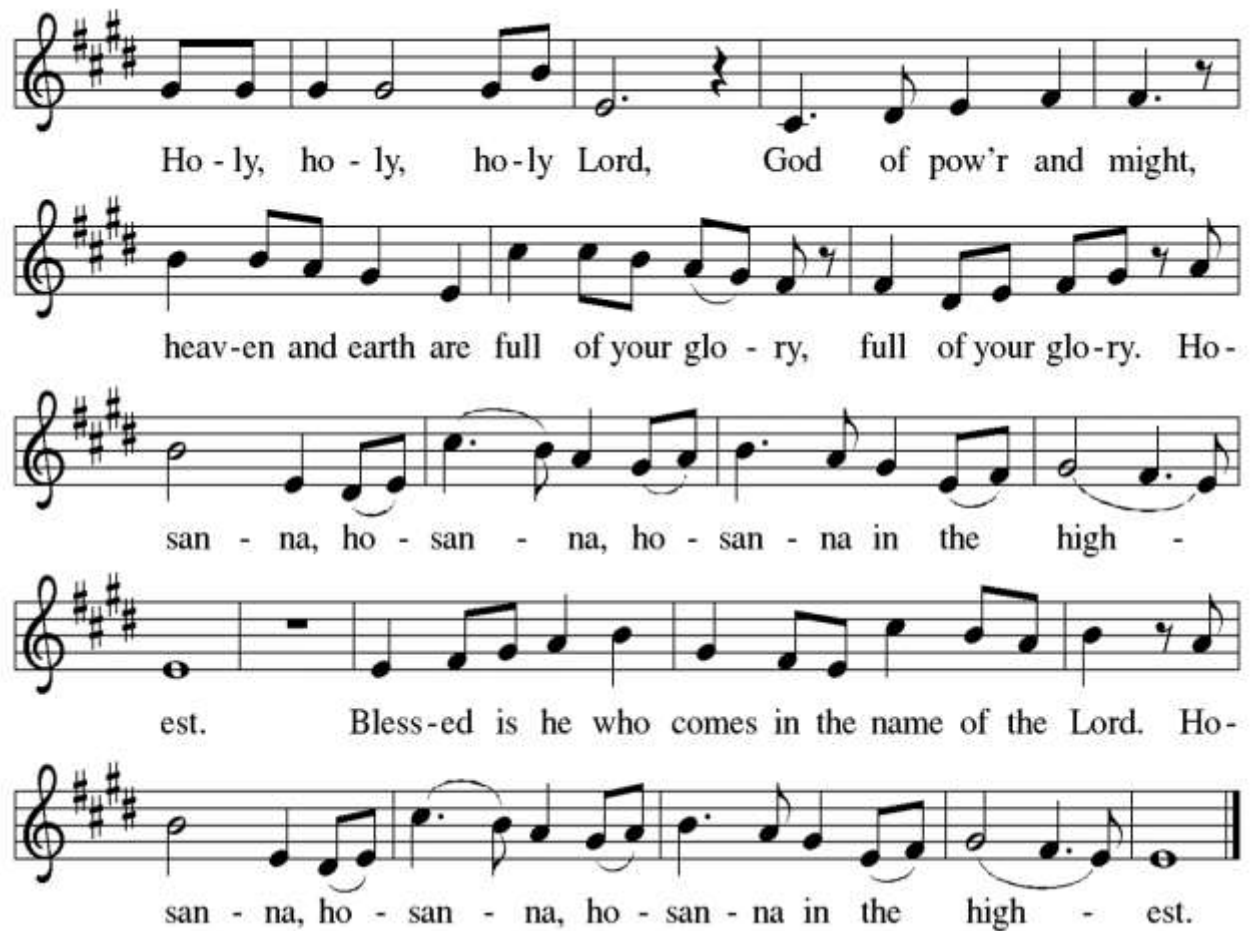
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*)

Our Father, which 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All are welcome at the Lord’s Table (*the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“What Feast of Love”

1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what ho-ly drink from heav-en?

What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"



1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
 2 It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
 3 It tells me what my mak-er hath in store for ev-'ry day;
 4 It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe,



it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.
 it tells me of his pre-cious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.
 and though I tread a dark-some path, yields sun-shine all the way.
 who in each sor-row bears a part that none can bear be-low.

Refrain

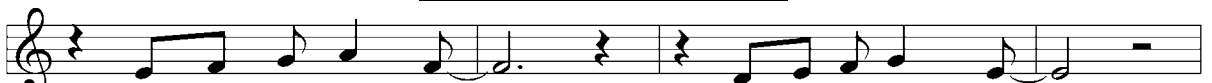


Oh, how I love Je-sus, oh, how I love Je-sus,



oh, how I love Je-sus, be-cause he first loved me!

"Change my Heart, O God"



Change my heart, O God. Make it ev-er true.



Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.



You are the pot-ter, I am the clay;



mold me and make me, this is what I pray.



Change my heart, O God. Make it ev-er true.



Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

"He's Got the Whole World"

Unison



1. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the
2. He's got the wind and the rain in His hands. He's got the
3. He's got the lit - tle ti - ny ba - by in His hands. He's got the
4. He's got ev - 'ry - bod - y here in His hands. He's got



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ev - 'ry - bod - y here in His hands. He's got ev - 'ry - bod - y



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rain in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.
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here in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER

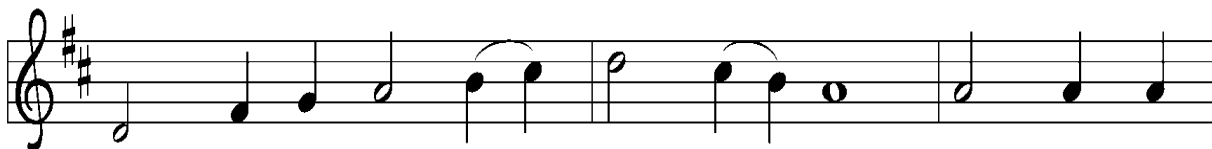
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray together...**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

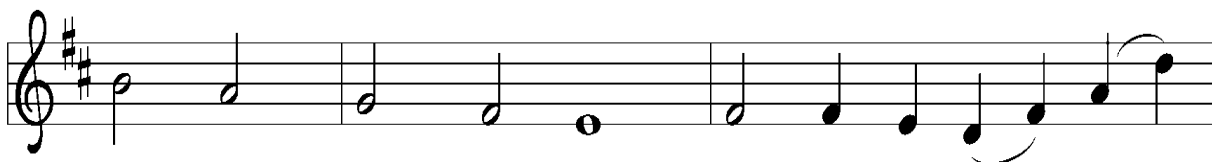
BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Jesus Shall Reign”



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Nancy Martin – choir director ~ John Lorenz – liturgist
Jeff Hobson – presiding

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Vi Nall & Pam Sikes **Ushers:** Linda Gaskins
Reader: Mary Severeid **Barista:** Barb Evans
Sacristans: Bonnie O'Hanlon & Rosemary Wheaton
Communion Assistants: Dianne Baxter & Sandi Fleury
Altar Flowers: Gary & Linda Lorenz **Close Up:** Kristian Schonberg

Last Week's Attendance: 85 **Last Week's Offering:** \$2,751.30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to North Bay Lutheran Community Church! We hope you are blessed today as we worship the Lord together. If you are a visitor, please feel free to fill out an attendance card located in the slot in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. We also invite you to stay for fellowship following our service. We are glad that you're here!

Many Thanks to Jeff Hobson for preaching at our service today.

Fellowship Time Today – Appetizers. April 28th: *Breakfast Sunday* (bring anything breakfast related to share).

Neighborhood Bible Study will **NOT** be meeting on **Tuesday, April 23rd**. We will resume on Tuesday, April 30th at 12:45 pm. For more information, please contact Sue Nichols at 360-277-3414.

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, April 24th** at 10:00 am. For more information, please contact Patty at 360-271-0055 (C) or 360-275-3939 (H), or email at palmcanal@hotmail.com.

Lap Quilts – All of you who may be interested in making lap quilts to distribute to people in hospitals and/or nursing homes please join us on **Thursday, April 25th** at 10:00 am. You don't need to know how to sew or quilt; we need folks to cut fabric, arrange squares, or sew. This is a time of fellowship, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Dixie Carver at (360) 801-6202 or Rosemary Wheaton at (360) 204-3501.

Men's Bible Study - will meet on **Saturday, April 27th** at 8:00 am as we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke.

Office Hours this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Monday through Friday.
Pastor Gary is in the office Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Women of North Bay - May is the month when we traditionally honor motherhood. We all have women in our lives, moms, grandmas, or others who have loved and nurtured us and shared their wisdom with us. Join us on **Friday, May 3rd** at 10:00 am to celebrate the blessings of these “moms” in our lives. Please bring a photo to share of your mom or mom figure. We will continue to collect non-food items for the food bank. As always, invite a friend to join the fun. RSVP’s to Cathy Moen are very helpful:
(360) 275-6757 or cathy-mm@wavecable.com.

Prayers – Please call the church line with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care (360) 275-3390.

READINGS FOR APRIL 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40 ~ Psalm 22:25-31 ~ 1 John 4:7-21 ~ John 15:1-8



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