

Offering of Ourselves

*We invite you to share your offerings of time, passion, energy, and resources.
Thank you for investing in Spirituality, Justice, and Community as it comes to
life at NACC.*

Musical Gift *Belonging* **SAINDON**
CHANCEL CHOIR W/KIRSTEN WEISS, Violin

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Gratitude **Susan Mihalevich**

Invitation to the Table & Sharing the Lord's Supper with Rev. Jenn Simmons, Ashley Quinn, Elders & Deacons

You have seen imposters
trying to masquerade as the blessing,
how they cloak themselves with words
that look so much like what you longed for,
while beneath they are hollow.
This table blessing has come to tell you:
**do not be discouraged,
do not be dismayed,
do not berate yourself
for what you have been searching,**
for the wisdom that comes along what seems a foolish road.
You will know this blessing
by how it opens its heart to you.
You will know this blessing by how it turns its face toward you.
You will know this blessing by how it approaches you
arm in arm with faith and hope.
You will know this blessing not by the ease it offers you
but by what it asks of you:
**patience and kindness,
forbearance and practice,
hope and endurance
and more.**

Not because this is what you owe,
but because this is what,
this blessing stirs in you,
what is provides for you,
what is pours into your hand
that you suddenly find open,
like your heart that unfolds itself in welcome,
finally knowing and fully known.

[janrichardson]

So we gather around the table.
With hope that this practice,
this way of Jesus, sharing a meal,

leads us to deeper community.

Jesus shared a meal with his companions,
his community, his chosen family, before he would be arrested.
Filled with love for them,
he took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:
“**This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.**”

After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it, saying:
“**This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.**”

In remembrance of Jesus,
executed by the state,
faithful to the end.

May this bread and this cup be for us a revival of hope
and a renewal of courage as we encounter
your presence among the ordinary gifts of life.
On this day as we bear witness to love in our midst,
we gather to participate in this meal
and bring it to life.

[adapt/enfleshedliturgy]

Prayer at the Table **Deb Gallion**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*This morning we will receive communion by intinction. You are invited to
come forward and to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat, and
leave your toothpick in the bowl. The bread is gluten, nut, and dairy free
so all may share at the table. If you would prefer a pre-packaged
communion, remain seated and we will bring one to you. All are
welcome to share at the table set by Jesus.*

A Call to Faithful Action

Sending Song *Holy Wisdom* **258**

Words for the Journey

God, one who was claimed as ‘the good.’
May we go forth as Mary did—clothed in the True Human—
To speak the Good News
that the heart is the dwelling place of the Infinite.
**This way goes with us always.
May it be so.**

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*Eastertide:
Resurrecting the Gospel:
Mary Magdalene
19 April 2026*