



Daily Morning Prayer, Rite II

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 • 8:00 a.m.

HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

WELCOME

We acknowledge that our worship is taking place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand as able

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed;

People **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

INVITATORY

In Easter Week, the following is sung or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

THE APPOINTED PSALM

Reader Please join me in saying Psalm 16, found in the service leaflet.

PSALM: Psalm 16

- ¹**Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord,
my good above all other.”**
- ²**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³**But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- ⁴**Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- ⁵**O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.**
- ⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- ⁷**I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me night after night.**
- ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- ⁹**My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.**
- ¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- ¹¹**You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

THE FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow. Please join in saying the Canticle.

FIRST CANTICLE

Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

Dignus es

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,

**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.**

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

The people remain seated.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow. Please join in saying the Canticle.

SECOND CANTICLE

Canticle 21: You are God

Te Deum laudamus

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,**

**and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

THE THIRD READING: John 20:19-31

The people remain seated.

A Reading from John.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Silence may follow.

THE SERMON

Glenn Hladek, Worship Leader
"Living with Laughter/Danger," based upon *Sermons That Work*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing as able.

**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 to the dead.

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.**

THE PEACE

All remain standing as able. The Officiant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Officiant Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>. You may also put your gift in the offering plate or by scanning the QR code below to give to the General Fund:



DOXOLOGY

All say in unison as the Offering is received.

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel as able

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

The People stand, as able, or sit or kneel.

Intercessor The Prayers of the People are guided by Form 6 found on page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

He is risen! He is risen!

In Easter hope and in peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the sustainable, just, and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the right action, peace, and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for all who are on our hearts, for our sick, and for those who cannot be with us. Please pray silently for this group, and we invite you to take your leaflet home so you can continue to pray for them during the week.

Silence

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| Joan Chaussee | Marleigh Flanigan | Dan |
| Monica Roscoe and Family | Bob Simons | Sullivan |
| Nancy Callen | Robert and Christine Hadlow | Graham |
| Kathy Adams | Laura and Cannon | Linda T. |
| Paula and family | Christina Errebo | Lynne |
| Michael Ayers and family | Ann Rennie | Paula |
| Family and friends of the Ruybalid family | Diana Pyley | Sam |
| Peter and Malcolm Smith | Chris Tweeten | Wanda |
| Linda Peavey | Janel | Greg |
| Nancy Guthrie | Moe | Mary |
| Gary Swartz | Donna Brummett | |

The staff and patients of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City

Our immigrant and refugee neighbors

Our neighbors needing shelter beyond what the Poverello and Meadowlark can offer, and all neighbors who have lost their safe shelter to war zones

The People may add their own petitions

We also pray to share your hope with those who are sick, in prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

And in silence or aloud, we pray for the other people or oppressions we lift to you now.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We raise our alleluias, and we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lord of all, we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for all those in whose memory the Easter flowers are given, for those lost to violence, disease, or destruction, and for any others you may wish to remember, silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving, by the people of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church.

Participants in the Service

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| <i>Presider and Preacher</i> | <i>Glenn Hladek, Lay Worship Leader</i> |
| <i>Lector</i> | <i>Michael Irwin</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | <i>Judy Parock</i> |
| <i>Usher</i> | <i>Lori Cordis</i> |
| <i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i> | <i>Margaret and Kevin Borg</i> |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | <i>Lori Cordis and Beverly Maas</i> |

WE WELCOME THOSE NEW TO OUR WORSHIP!

Newcomers and guests are always welcome at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Our service today uses the service leaflet, and a service leaflet is also available online. The QR code to access the bulletin page of the website is available in the pews. Just scan it with the camera on your phone. We hope you will take a moment to complete the blue Visitor's Card found in the pew and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

FATHER DARVILLE & FAMILY VISIT TODAY

We are delighted to welcome Father Nate Darville and his family to Holy Spirit this morning. Nate, his wife Rheagan Alexander, and their sons Wren and Jule are here in Missoula this weekend to explore neighborhoods and get to know our community.

Please stop by either coffee hour today to greet them and offer a warm Holy Spirit welcome.

BE PART OF A FAREWELL 'PURSE' FOR TERRI AND GRETCHEN

Traditions are an extraordinary part of Episcopal life. One enduring tradition is to create a "purse" to be given to long-time clergy when they bring their work with a parish to a close, as Rev. Terri and Rev. Gretchen will do at the end of May.

Over the long history of priests and parishes, a farewell purse has been an expression of gratitude and affection. And today it is just the same. Contributions are voluntary and anonymous. We invite you, as your resources allow, to consider a contribution to this special "thank you" fund.

To contribute to this farewell purse, send a check marked "purse" to the office or place it in the plate on a Sunday. You can also use Pushpay, if you prefer. Thank you for considering this request.

This gift will be presented at our farewell reception for our two Co-Rectors on Sunday, May 31, after the 10:15 service (we'll be on summer schedule with one service starting that day). Mark your calendars!

-The Holy Spirit Vestry

TELL US A STORY ...

We are beginning a new project to collect and share the stories of our parishioners: stories of what this church means to you, memories of meaningful moments, experiences of connection and friendship, and reflections on faith and community. We believe storytelling is a powerful way to celebrate and share the life of our church.

On April 12th during Coffee Hour at the 10:15 a.m. service, we invite you to come to the Guild Room and share your story. We will record these conversations, and some stories will also be written into short narratives. With your permission, these stories will be shared on our website, social media, and in church publications as a way of expressing what it means to be part of Holy Spirit.

You don't need to prepare anything formal - just come as you are and speak from the heart. Whether your story is long or short, recent or from many years ago, it is an important part of who we are together.

ENVELOPE STUFFING FOR THE MISSOULA FOOD BANK

Tuesday, April 14 • Parish Hall.

We are excited to host another Foodbank Envelope Stuffing event. Join us for a simple, hands-on way to support the Missoula Food Bank's vital mission. By folding, stuffing, and sealing fundraising envelopes, we help stretch their resources—and ensure more neighbors are fed with dignity. This joyful volunteer opportunity is easy, social, and deeply impactful. Your time helps turn paper into possibility.

Drop in anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. Bring a friend, share a laugh, and be part of something meaningful. To sign up, text or call **Rosemary Lyda** at 406-570-7074, or add your name to the sheet in the Parish Hall.

JOIN OUR WOMEN'S GROUP: LIVING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

Looking for a welcoming space to grow in your faith alongside other women? Join our **Practicalities of Faith** group, where meaningful conversation and genuine community await you. All women are invited—bring a friend and experience support and inspiration together.

The group, led by Julie Benson, will meet on the following dates in the Guild Room from 1-2:30 p.m.:

April 15

May 12

June 8, 15 & 29

Please come as you are available! Registration is not required.

FOOD WASTE AND HOW TO AVOID IT

Wednesday, April 15 • 6:30–8:00 p.m. • Parish Hall

As part of Holy Spirit's year-long focus on food, the Creation Care ministry invites you to an evening exploring the issue of food waste—why it happens, what it costs us, and how our community is responding. This program builds on our earlier offerings, including regenerative agriculture, container gardening, books studies on *Animal, Vegetable, Junk*, and *How to Be a Conscious Eater*, film discussions, and our ongoing partnership with the Missoula Food Bank.

If the food wasted in our country were redirected, no one would go hungry. Our panel will help us understand the scope of the problem, its causes, and the creative ways local organizations are working to reduce waste.

Evening Schedule

- 6:30 – Welcome, introductions, and overview
- 6:50 – *Leigh Ratterman*: Missoula's food-waste and Zero Waste initiatives
- 7:10 – *Caitlyn Taix*: Missoula Food Bank's food-rescue and Food Circle programs
- 7:30 – *Colten Buford*, University of Montana Dining: Campus food-service sustainability and food-waste reduction
- 7:50 – Questions and discussion

All are welcome.

AN OUTING WITH THE WHOLLY FUN COMMITTEE

Looking for a fun, free family-friendly event? The Wholly Fun Committee suggests a visit to:

PHLOX FEST – Rocky Mountain Gardens Annual Spring Opening.

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

1075 South Ave. W., Missoula

If you'd like to meet up with others from HSP, we'll start at 11:00 at the west entrance near the Butterfly House. If you need a ride, sign up on the list in the Parish Hall, or call the church office at (406)542-2167.

The theme of this year's Phlox Fest is "Gardens of the Garden City", celebrating Missoula's horticultural past, present, and future. The Gardens' staff and partners will provide information about local public gardens, and how to make your own garden thrive.

Festivities will include music, food trucks, plant vendors and tabling by representatives of Missoula's many gardens.

There are picnic tables on site, so consider packing a lunch or visiting a food truck to enjoy with us. Please plan to join us!

SPRING MARKET 2026 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

How's your spring sorting coming along? We hope you're already working on the donations you're planning to deliver to Holy Spirit on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 3, 4, and 5. We also hope that many of you are planning to donate a bit of your time to help during Market Week, May 4-9. Newcomers – this is a fun and perfect way to see how the magic of Holy Spirit works in our community. And, old-timers, we so need you, too! The skill sets needed to make our Market work include *everyone* who attends Holy Spirit.

Here's what's needed for donations - your best, clean, unbroken, and resalable: Women's and Men's Vintage and Boutique Clothing; Accessories and Jewelry; Home Décor; Glassware & Kitchen; Linens; Books (no manuals, encyclopedias, or tapes); Sport and Camping Equipment; Luggage; Pet Accessories; Gardening & Outdoor; Healthy Plants; and Small Furniture. **Here's what's needed for volunteers** - YOU!

SPRING MARKET SIGN UPS COMING SOON!

Be sure to stop by the Spring Market Information Table in the Parish Hall after church on Sunday, April 19 & 26 and May 3. See all the options to help out during Market Week and sign up where you can. From providing lunch goodies, to sorting donations, to helping out customers during sale days, to tidying up afterwards – we have a place for you! And, we can help with any questions you have about this event. Spring Market is one of our most social volunteering events – the perfect way to enjoy your Holy Spirit pew mates as together we prepare and offer our donations to the entire Missoula community.

ALMS SUNDAY APRIL 26TH, 2026 – SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL TPS ALLIANCE

This month's Alms Sunday offering supports the National TPS Alliance, an organization led by immigrants with Temporary Protected Status (TPS). By September, more than 1.5 million longtime residents may lose their legal ability to live and work in the U.S. through changes to the TPS program. Most TPS holders have been here for over 20 years, raising families and building lives that are anything but temporary.

On April 26, we will hear directly from TPS holders about their experiences and their efforts to protect their families and communities. We are invited to stand with them by supporting the work of the National TPS Alliance.

A special offering will be taken during worship, or you may give through Pushpay or online at holyspiritmissoula.org.

—Jesse Jaeger, Social Concerns Committee

APRIL FOOD BANK DONATION: FLAVORS THAT NOURISH

This month, we're focusing on ingredients that help families create hearty, flavorful meals. Please consider donating any of the following **shelf-stable, high-protein, and versatile** items:

Pantry Staples: Rice, Dried or canned beans, Lentils, Tortillas, Taco or enchilada kits, Canned tomatoes, corn, green chiles, jalapeños, olives, Salsas and hot sauce, Tomatillos, Lime juice, Bouillon cubes (any variety), Spices

Proteins: Canned chicken, Canned tuna, Canned salmon, Peanut butter or other nut butters, Shelf-stable tofu

Nuts & Seeds: Pumpkin seeds (pepitas), Sunflower seeds. Mixed nuts

A Note of Care: Low-sodium canned items are especially appreciated when available.

Thank you for helping us support the Missoula Food Bank with generosity and heart. Every item you share makes a real difference.

PHENOLOGY BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL

The Creation Care Ministry is introducing a **Phenology Board** in the Parish Hall to help us notice the seasonal rhythms of the natural world. Each month, you're invited to record what you observe—first flowers, returning birds, ripening tomatoes, or any small sign of the season.

This simple practice helps us deepen our awareness of creation and our connection with the Creator. Stop by the board and add your observations as the seasons unfold.

WORKING FOR CREATION

May 6 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • In the Church

Come hear **Terri Grotzinger** on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. as she reflects on her career with the U.S. Forest Service. Terri will share stories from the field and explore how her work has shaped her understanding of Creation care, resilience, and the beauty of our shared landscapes.

Please note: **We will meet in the church** for this session, as the Parish Hall will be in use for Spring Market setup.