



# NEIGHBORKIND COLLECTIVE

## **Community Worship Service & Egg-Scaveganza** Sunday, March 22, 2026

Franconia District Park Amphitheater & Chessie's Trail  
6601 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22310  
10:00 AM Community Worship Service  
12:00-2:00 PM Egg-Scaveganza

*a collaborative ministry between Franconia United Methodist Church  
and the Kingstowne Communion to love our neighbors and address the root causes  
of loneliness through community service, connection, and community partnership*

# Order of Worship

March 22, 2026

## Gathering Music | "Indescribable"

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From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea;  
Creation's revealing Your majesty.  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring;  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky,  
And You know them by name;  
You are amazing, God!  
All powerful, untamable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim:  
You are amazing, God!*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go?  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom!

*Indescribable, uncontainable,  
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Incomparable, unchangeable,  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same;  
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## Opening Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray:

All: **God of hidden gifts and quiet miracles,  
You meet us in the wilderness with whispers of new life.  
Open our eyes to see the signs of your presence—  
In creation, in community, in the stirrings of our own hearts.  
As we journey through Lent,  
Help us to trust that resurrection begins in small ways.  
May our worship be a space of noticing, of gratitude, and of hope,  
In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.**

## Children's Moment

Qualitra Brown

## Old Testament Reading | Isaiah 43:18-19

Carol Stahl

*Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.*

## Psalter Litany | "Signs of Life | Psalm 104:10-24

Dana Bensusky

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they flow between the hills.

All: **You give drink to every wild creature;  
the wild ones quench their thirst.**

## Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship

One: In the wilderness, we look for signs of life.

**All: In budding trees and returning birds, we glimpse God's renewal.**

One: In laughter, in silence, in the breath between words—

**All: God is already at work.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who brings abundant life.

**All: We come to notice, to hope, and to be renewed.**

### Song | "Way Maker"

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You are here moving in our midst; I worship You I worship You.  
You are here working in this place; I worship You I worship You.

*(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,  
Light in the Darkness, my God that is who You are!*

You are here touching ev'ry heart; I worship You I worship You.  
You are here healing ev'ry heart; I worship You I worship You.

You are here turning lives around; I worship You I worship You.  
You are here mending ev'ry heart; I worship You yeah I worship You Lord.

Even when I don't see it, You're working!  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working!  
You never stop, You never stop working!  
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One: By the streams the birds make their home;  
They lift their songs among the branches.

All: **From your lofty dwelling you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

One: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to use.

All: **You bring forth food from the earth—wine to gladden the  
heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen our  
lives.**

One: The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that you planted.

All: **In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

One: The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
the rocky crags a refuge for the creatures of the earth.

All: **You made the moon to mark the seasons;  
the sun knows its time for setting.**

One: You make darkness, and it is night,  
when the animals of the forest come out to roam.

All: **The young lions roar for their prey,  
seeking their food from God.**

One: When the sun rises, they withdraw  
and lie down in their dens.

All: **People go out to their work  
and to their labor until evening.**

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

All: **In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
Thanks be to God for these signs of life.**

*I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation** | “Signs of Life”

Rev. Michelle Matthews  
& Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Prayer of Confession, Assurance & *The Lord's Prayer***

One: As we come before the One who fills the world with goodness, let us bring our whole selves—our gratitude, our weariness, and our need for grace. Together we pray:

All: **Life-giving God,  
You surround us with signs of Your goodness,  
yet we confess that we often fail to notice them.  
We rush past the gifts You place before us,  
ignore the needs of Your creation,  
and live as though Your Spirit is not moving  
and ever-renewing the earth.  
Forgive us.  
Turn our hearts toward Your abundance  
and open our eyes to the life You are growing  
in and around us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

One: We join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray:

**All: 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,  
Amen.**

### **Offering Our Gifts | "Graves into Gardens"**

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I searched the world but it couldn't fill me;  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade  
Are never enough.  
Then You came along and put me back together,  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

*Oh there's nothing better than You!  
There's nothing better than You!  
Lord, there's nothing,  
Nothing is better than You!*

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness;  
My failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen them all;  
And You still call me friend.  
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.  
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

You turn mourning to dancing! You give beauty for ashes!  
You turn shame into glory! You're the only one who can!

You turn graves into gardens! You turn bones into armies!  
You turn seas into highways! You're the only one who can!

## ***The Doxology***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Sharing in Holy Communion | “New Wine”**

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In the crushing in the pressing, You are making new wine.  
In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.  
(You are breaking new ground)

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand.  
When I trust You I don't need to understand.

*(So) Make me Your vessel,  
Make me an offering,  
Make me whatever You want me to be.  
(God) I came here with nothing,  
But all You have given me;  
Jesus bring new wine out of me!*

'Cause where there is new wine, there is new power!  
There is new freedom and the kingdom is here!  
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.

## **Benediction & Sending Forth**

## **Final Instructions & Announcements**

## **Postlude | “Graves into Gardens”**