

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Miragliotta-Van Scyoc

PRELUDE

INTROIT

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57 v. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: People of God, why do you look upward?

People: Our Lord has been taken away into heaven.

Leader: Look around you. What do you see?

People: There are so many places where the love of God is needed.

Leader: Look beyond you. Where will you go?

People: Christ calls to go into the world, bringing God's healing love to all.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

CALL TO CONFESSION²

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the sins we have done. We commit ourselves to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves, especially when they are done in your name. We seek your power to deliver us from sins that still beset us. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and always discern and do your will. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE⁴

¹ https://ministrymatters.com/2013-04-08_worship_connection_ascension_sunday/

² Heather Josselyn-Cranson, found in Vogel, Dwight. The Book of Offices and Services (p. 24). Kindle Edition.

³ © 1998, THE CHURCH PENSION FUND, ALT Taylor Watson Burton-Edwards, found in Vogel, Dwight. The Book of Offices and Services (p. 361). Kindle Edition.

⁴ Heather Josselyn-Cranson found in Vogel, Dwight. The Book of Offices and Services (p. 25). Kindle Edition.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Acts 1:1-11	Pew Bible 884
	Ephesians 1:15-23	UMH 949
	*Luke 24:44-53	Pew Bible 861

God is still speaking. **And we are still listening. Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	UMH 71
SERMON	Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION	<i>Jesus, United By Thy Grace</i>	UMH 561
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CALL TO THE OFFERING⁵

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious and giving God, you are the One who first has given to us all that we need for life. Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING WITH INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895
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*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP	<i>Christ Is Risen</i>	UMH 307
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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>O Let Us Sing</i>	M.Curtis
	Anna Pengov, soloist	

*POSTLUDE

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CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

*Non-weekly meetings and activities are in **bold print**.*

- SUN (06/01): Communion Sunday**
Worship, 10:30am
- MON (06/02): Loss Group, 6:30pm/Emma Lang Lounge**
- SUN (06/08): Graduation Sunday**
Worship, 10:30am
Finance, 11:45am/Emma Lang Lounge

We Are All God's Children

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes member*

<i>*Bobby Blankenship</i>	<i>Al Tobey</i>	<i>Erik T.</i>	<i>Lindsey Elswick</i>
<i>*Monta Demchak</i>	<i>Carol De Laat</i>	<i>Frank</i>	<i>Lindsey Parker</i>
<i>*Dave Dickman</i>	<i>Carol</i>	<i>Gail</i>	<i>Mary</i>
<i>*Mitzi Herrick</i>	<i>Caroline</i>	<i>Geof Funk</i>	<i>Mary Ellen</i>
<i>*Cindy Light</i>	<i>Chris M.</i>	<i>J & J</i>	<i>Mary W.H.</i>
<i>*John Motley</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Max</i>
<i>*Peter Oesterreich</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>MJ</i>
<i>*Janis Pongallo</i>	<i>Daryana</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>Rosie</i>
<i>*Linda Prudhoe</i>	<i>David R.</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Roy Buser</i>
<i>*DeeDee Rencehausen</i>	<i>Dennis</i>	<i>Joshua C.</i>	<i>Seth Buser</i>
<i>*Nadene & Dennis Smith</i>	<i>Diane</i>	<i>Kathy</i>	<i>Sheri G.</i>
<i>*Joan Thorkelson</i>	<i>Dixie</i>	<i>Kevin Fischer</i>	<i>Ted and Marie Nyland</i>
<i>*Galen Younkin</i>	<i>Doug Emery</i>	<i>Laurie</i>	<i>Tom Szor</i>
<i>Ukraine, Israel and Gaza</i>	<i>Dotty</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Viola</i>
<i>Pastor Jason Thompson</i>	<i>Ed Rote</i>	<i>Lily Van Scyoc</i>	

STAR WORDS

At the beginning of the year, we handed out “Star Words”. I invite you to take the word you chose and use it throughout the year as a way to center your prayer time and to be aware of God’s presence throughout the day. If you have not received a word, please let Pastor Dianne know and she will get one to you! Each week in the bulletin there will be a journal prompt or reflection question that encourages you in your use of the word.

For this week: **Write a prayer or song inspired by your word and share it with someone.**

BOOK BAGS

Coming into summer means the Outreach Committee is getting ready to be a presence at Jefferson Rocks. Dates are to be announced, but each Thursday we provide two crafts that the children (and some parents) can enjoy. As in past years, we would like to collect back packs and school supplies to pass out on the last Thursday. There will be a bin in the back of the church for back packs and supplies. If you would prefer donating money, Gillianne and Janis Pongallo will be happy to go shopping towards the end of July. Thanks for your help.

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED PANTRY BOX

The pantry box has become one of our most used outreach ministries! But keeping it full is a challenge. Please feel free to fill the box if you see it is empty, either from the supplies in the entryway or from your own cupboard! If you would rather, we could shop for you, just note that your monetary donation is for the pantry. Below are listed a few ideas of things you can donate. Thank you!

Canned soup
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Cereal

Canned stew
Canned fish
Canned beans
Baby Food

Peanut butter
Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
Rice (most prefer brown rice)
Toiletries

SERMON NOTES

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QUESTION FOR REFLECTION⁶

How is your faith strengthened by knowing that we do not look for Jesus in only one place but find the Risen One everywhere, because he has ascended to the throne of God?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Gracious God,
we thank you for bringing us through the night
and for making this new day.
You send us out rested and uplifted by your presence.
Wherever we go,
whatever our work today,
whomever we meet,
help us to greet our tasks and our leisure with joy.
We give you thanks, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

Wondrous Lord,
we marvel that this day has ended,
filled with marks of your love even in moments of strife.
Now give us rest.
Comfort those who have no bed this night,
and keep them safe.
We bow our heads in gratitude
for food, work, friends, family, challenges, and accomplishments.
We pray this in the name of the One
who watches over us day and night. Amen.

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GOAL - FOCUS - STRATEGIES

GOAL: Grow in relationship with Jesus Christ in order to change the world around us, starting with our own community.

FOCUS: To achieve this goal, we will prioritize reaching out to our community as essential to our personal and congregational growth as Christians.

STRATEGIES:

1. We will build meaningful relationships with the people in our community.
2. We will strive to listen and understand the needs of our community.
3. We will use our building and resources to meet those needs in a tangible way.



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***Ask an usher if you would like a LARGE PRINT HYMNAL,
Braille hymnal or hearing device.***