

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

Mothers' Day

Blanket Sunday

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janis Pongallo

PRELUDE

Abbot's Leigh

C. Taylor/L. Afdahl

CUMC Bell Choir

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Honor & Praise

TFWS 2018 v. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: The God of love and grace invites us in.

People: Blessed be the God of love!

Leader: The God of power and might welcomes us here.

People: Glory to God on high!

Leader: The God of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.

People: Praise the One who speaks truth to our hearts! Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

PRAYER OF INVOCATION²

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Not to Us, O Lord

Smith/Schrader

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

¹ Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 119). Kindle Edition.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS	Acts 9:36-43	Pew Bible 894
	Psalms 23	UMH 137
	Revelation 7:9-17	Pew Bible 999
	*John 10:22-30	Pew Bible 873

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	<i>The Good Sheep</i>	Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	TFWS 2214
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CALL TO THE OFFERING³

OFFERTORY	<i>For The Beauty of the Earth</i>	R.E. Schram
Gill Pongallo, Ruth Ann Cunningham and Janis Pongallo		

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

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and offerings into your service. May our generosity flow abundantly into a world in need of your transforming love and grace. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOTHERS' DAY LITANY	Insert
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: O Risen Christ,

People: Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER	UMH 895
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PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>All I Need is You</i>	TFWS 2080 vs. 1, 2
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HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP	<i>Since Jesus Came Into My Heart</i>	TFWS 2140
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BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>You Alone Are Holy</i>	TFWS 2077 v. 1
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POSTLUDE

³ Offering sequence from Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 121). Kindle Edition.

BLANKET SUNDAY DEDICATIONS

Given by Ruth Cunningham and Emanuel Mora

In memory of Ruby Cunningham, loving mother

In honor of Erin Barr, beloved daughter

Given by Nancy Horton

In honor of all the sick and suffering

Given by Tamera and William Norris

In memory of Antionette L. Brown, mother

Given by Carol Thomas

In memory of the Neiger family

In honor of the Thomas children and grandchildren

Given by Sandy Foster

In memory of John Tonsing, brother

Given by Bob and Joan Corrai

In honor of Rocco Corrai, son

In honor of Susan Balesky, daughter

In honor of Katie Adkins, daughter

Given by Sharon Zilli

In memory of Harry Zilli, Jr., husband

Given by Bonnie Ehlert

In memory of Joan Pongallo, mother

In memory of Margaret Slattery, grandmother

In memory of Kathy Bartlett, sister-in-law

In memory of Jean Nugent, aunt



Given by Jane Thorkelson

In memory of Jack Thorkelson, father



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

In the Garden

EGG SHELLS NEEDED FOR THE GARDEN

RECIPE: Bake 15 to 20 minutes at 250°. Set aside to cool. Place in bag and crush.

CALLING ALL 2025 GRADUATES

Please contact the church office by May 25
if you, your child or grandchild is graduating.

From where is the graduate graduating?

Special degree? Plans for next year?

Graduate Sunday will be June 8.



MUSICAL MUSINGS

Through some UMC worship planning material exploration, an option to highlight all things living and growing in the month of May was suggested. Each Sunday there will be a musical offering celebrating just that! As we praise the living Lord in this season of Eastertide, let us remember to be thankful for all the new life budding around us! The song made famous by Louis Armstrong rings in my ears - "YES! I think to myself, what a wonderful world!"

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: **What does your word reveal about God’s purpose for your life?**

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 stew	Peanut butter
Canned fruit	Canned fish	Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
Canned vegetables	Canned beans	Rice (most prefer brown rice)
Cereal	Baby Food	Toiletries

FROM THE OFFICE

Just a reminder that I will **not** be changing my hours for the summer months. The office will remain open Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm.

-Thanks, Desiree

SERMON NOTES

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION⁴

Psalm 23 affirms that God supplies our every need. How do our lives change when we trust this great promise of God?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Holy God,
you have called a people to be your family
out of every tribe, language, and nation,
to love and serve you daily
in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity.
Help us to honor and respect
the dignity of difference
as we seek to be one with you and each other
this day and always. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

O Shepherd of all,
you have brought us to the close of another day;
for this gift and the blessings we now name,
we give you thanks. . . .
All that we have and all that we are come from you;
and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care,
let us lie down this night in peace,
that tomorrow we may rise to greet you in resurrection joy. Amen.

⁴ These questions for reflection and prayers are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion. Copyright 2012.

MOTHERS' DAY LITANY

One: All who gather here are children of God.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

One: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

One: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled,

All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world.

For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

All: We give God thanks and praise.



CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

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

- SUN (5/11):** **Mothers' Day**
 Blanket Sunday
 Worship, 10:30am
- TUE (5/13):** Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm/Sanctuary
- SUN (5/18):** Worship, 10:30am

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>Laurie</i>	<i>Ted and Marie Nyland</i>
<i>*Galen Younkin</i>	<i>Doug Emery</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Tom Szor</i>
<i>Ukraine, Israel and Gaza</i>	<i>Dotty</i>	<i>Lily Van Scyoc</i>	<i>Viola</i>
<i>Pastor Jason Thompson</i>	<i>Ed Rote</i>		

Christ UMC Welcomes All

We welcome all persons to our church without regard to race, ethnic or cultural background, social status, gender, sexual orientation, age, theological perspective, political affiliation, or other means people use to categorize or discriminate against others. For our full statement, go to our website.



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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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