

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here



*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Gathering Music

GATHERING TOGETHER

Wondering Out Loud

The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light.

Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory!

Alleluia!

Think on This for Today

The season of Easter, or Eastertide, is a time of embracing the promise and hope of Resurrection. It is a time of leaning into the stories that matter. It is clear from these stories that Jesus wanted to equip us to thrive in a season of Easter promise.

This season, we hope you'll engage in stories that matter.

Prelude

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship

Family of God, like Peter, James, and John, Jesus calls to us from the shorelines and the sidelines of life. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

Yes, we will follow!

cont.

Jesus calls us to work together, to build up the Body of Christ as we mature in faith. Will you leave everything behind as follow?

Yes, we will follow!

Jesus calls us to grow, to become disciples formed in the likeness of Christ. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

Yes, we will follow!

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone – God is with us!

Today, we choose once again to leave everything behind and follow Christ, who forms us as disciples, that we may live as disciples who transform the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" *all verses*

UMH 402

*Opening Prayer

Loving God, who surrounds us with grace, help us to know Your presence and receive Your guidance today, that through our gathered worship, we might continue to build up the Body of Christ as we grow in maturity as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**

Reading of Scripture Psalm 119:1-8 MSG; Ephesians 4:1-11 CEB;
Luke 5:1-11 CEB

*Response

The word of God for ALL of us, God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Finding Your Growth Groove"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

*Response Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" *all verses*

FWS 2129

Caring for Community, Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of Your grace. Create in us willing

hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be Your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for ALL the world to see. Let it be so.

A Moment to Reflect in Silence

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Receive this good news: God, who calls us to build up the Body of Christ, pardons our sins and frees us to grow in unity and maturity through grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are ALL forgiven! Glory to God!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

Invitation to Giving Action

*Doxology

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Praise Jesus Christ, who rose from death!

Praise to the Source of life and breath!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise to the Spirit, holy dove,

Giver of life, of peace, of love.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Blessing Prayer

Calling Christ, You invite us away from the shallows into deep water, where trust replaces certainty, and obedience becomes joy. As we offer these gifts, we remember that discipleship is more than surface faith; it is a willingness to follow You into risk, truth, and love. Take what we bring and shape it for Your purposes: to mend nets, to speak truth with compassion, and to build a community that grows into Your likeness. Be with us in the boat and on the journey, as we learn, stumble, and grow. Use these offerings to draw others into the deep, life-giving grace of Your kingdom. Amen.

*Sending Forth

May God, who forms you in the image of Christ, bless each of us with the perseverance to answer Christ's call each day.

May we be willing to leave behind everything that holds us back and say, "Yes!" to living as disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world.

***Final Blessing**

Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"

***Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" all verses**

UMH 593

***Postlude**

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Lectionary readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *"Receiving God's promise through baptism"*; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 *"I will call upon God"*; 1 Peter 1:17-23 *"Born anew"*; Luke 24:13-35 *"Eating with the risen Christ"*

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

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