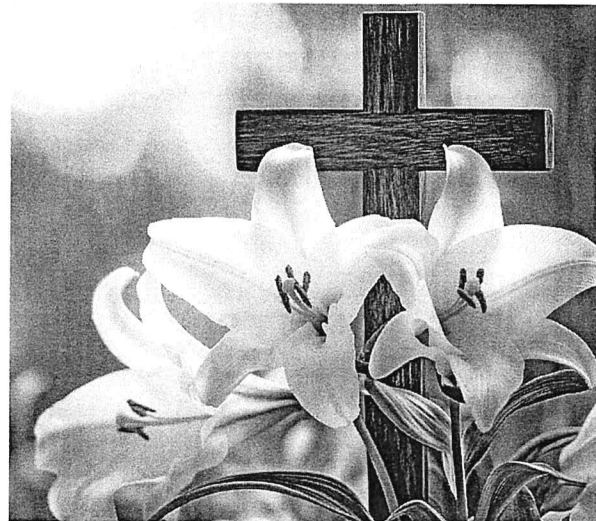


Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026
10:30 a.m.



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

What does anyone need to proceed into an unknown future?

Courage is at least one thing that our Bishops suggest.

Where does this adverbial quality come from?

We wonder, does leading courageously comes from within?

Think on This for Today

In the hard labor of leading the church courageously, God will meet us, will make the divine presence known and thus strength our courage as we seek to do what seems impossible for us. And the light we follow will shine in and through us into local communities and across our worldwide connection.

Prelude

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship

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

Because God is with us, we can love boldly.

God is with us, and God joins us with one another as the Body of Christ.

Because God draws us together, we can serve joyfully.

Through God, we work for the flourishing of self, neighbor, and ALL creation.

Because God holds us together, we can lead courageously.

cont.

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone – God is with us!
We come to worship God by boldly loving, joyfully serving and courageously leading, that we, inspired by the Holy Spirit, may be disciples of Jesus Christ, who transform the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" vs. 1, 2

UMH 127

*Opening Prayer

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with ALL who walk before You with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with Your glory, as You filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into Your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

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

Reading of Scripture Joshua 1:5-9 NLT; Ephesians 6:10-18 NLT

Sermon "Moving Forward Takes a Lot of Backing"

Melissa Freiberg

RESPONDING TOGETHER

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

Response Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" vs. 1, 2

UMH 133

Caring for Community, Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Be sure to write prayer requests, joys and concerns on the prayer board.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come before You in humility, for we do not live as we ought. We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. So we pray, in all humility, that You will change our hearts and minds, that You will show us again how to love others the way You love us, that You will put power and courage in our hearts to do Your will. Let it be so.

A Moment for Silent, Personal Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Even when we wander, we are not alone. God is with us wherever we go. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are ALL forgiven and free.

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

Pray in the language and version of the prayer that most speaks your heart.

Invitation to Giving Action

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you! **And, also with you!**

*Doxology "Eastertide"

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, 88.44.88 WITH REFRAIN (ref. UMH 94)

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

Faithful God, You are our strength and our shield, our guide through seasons of uncertainty. You promise never to leave us nor forsake us, and in that promise, we find courage. As Joshua stepped forward in faith and as Your people put on the armor of light, so we bring these gifts with boldness – offering not only what is in our hands, but also what is in our hearts. Use them, and us, to build Your kin-dom with justice and grace. Clothe us with truth, guard us with peace, and send us forward, leading courageously in Your name. Amen.

*Responsive Sending Forth

May God bless you with the wisdom to notice the needs of your neighbors.

We heed the inspiration of the Spirit to know how to act.

May you have courage to lead.

We go to work for justice so that there is flourishing for ALL of God's creation!

*Final Blessing

*Closing Hymn "Guide My Feet" *all verses*

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*Postlude

Notes:

Need hearing assistance? Hearing assist devices are available. Visit our tech room and someone will help you.

Lectionary readings: Acts 1:1-11 *"Jesus sends the apostles"*; Psalm 47 *"God has gone up with a shout"*; Psalm 93 *"Praise to God who reigns"*; Ephesians 1:15-23 *"Seeing the risen and ascended Christ"*; Luke 24:44-53 *"Christ present in all times and places"*



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

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