

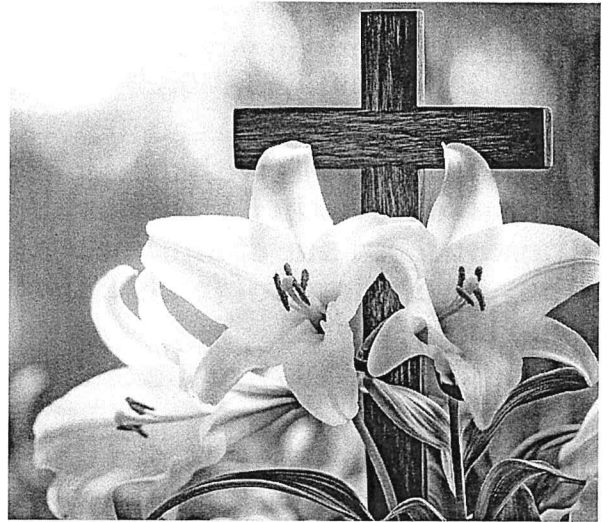
Seventh Sunday of Easter

*May 17, 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 "Jesus Loves Me"

by William Bradbury

GATHERING TOGETHER

Wondering Out Loud

Let's begin wondering out loud.

Is it okay to bring doubt into worship?

Sure, even as the disciples worshipped there was 'some doubt'.

Doubt is not the opposite of faith. It is the human side of worship.

There is more going on than we can figure out, yet we show up, we sing and pray and seek to see the Way clearly.

Are there moments ahead that, in our wildest dreams, we have never contemplated?

The God of ALL is unlimited, we believe, even as we claim our human limitations.

Doubt does not deter willingness to serve. Even as we face the unknown ahead.

Think on This for Today

This is how the world changes, by the ripples from committed individuals and groups who are seeking the kin-dom, seeking to bring to life the vision of living in community that Jesus described throughout his ministry.

Prelude "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

by William Runyan

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship

Family of God, who are you?

We are disciples, formed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Family of God, why do you gather?

cont.

To worship God who loves us and teaches us to love our neighbors, ourselves, and ALL creation.

Family of God, how do you worship God?

By loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.

Family of God, receive this good news: in our loving, our serving, and our leading, we are not alone – God is with us!

We come to worship God by loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our community and through our worldwide connections, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "We Are the Church" vs. 1-4

UMH 558

*Opening Prayer

Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may encounter Your presence, recognize Your voice, know Your will, and follow in Your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And Jesus said...

ALL: Let the children come!

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 96 CEB; Romans 12:1-8 MSG; Matthew 28:16-20 CEB

Sermon "Disciples Transform"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

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

Response Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" vs. 1

UMH 399

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that we may live as disciples who transform the world. Let it be so.

A Moment for Silent, Personal Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Receive the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

Pastoral 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"

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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 for ALL is Given

Generous and Loving God, You call us together as the Body of Christ, and You equip us to live as Your disciples in our local communities and through our connections around the world. Bless every offering today. Those that fuel local outreach and operations that allow us to offer hospitality for ALL who enter, every day. Bless the gifts going beyond these walls today and far afield. May they be joined with every miracle gift offered by faithful United Methodists and every friend to support and inspire those seeking to explore and fulfill Your call upon their hearts. May their education be one of many opportunities for Your Spirit to work as we ALL join together to make disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

*Responsive Sending Forth

Go now with the blessing of God.

God equips and empowers us to love, serve and lead.

In all things, remember, you are not alone.

God is with us as we boldly, joyfully and courageously go forth to be God's people!

*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!"

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

Lectionary readings: Numbers 11:24-30 *"The spirit rests on Israel's leaders"*; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *"Renewing the face of the earth"*; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *"Varieties of gifts, the same Spirit"*; Acts 2:1-21 *"Filled with the Spirit"*; John 20:19-23 *"The spirit poured out"*



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

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