

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face! April 27, 2025 – 10:30 A.M. Second Sunday of Easter

We hope that through the songs, prayers, message, and fellowship, you experience the Mystery of God that passes our human understanding.

*For your children, a basket with activities is available in the foyer.

Child care is available during the service, following the Children's Moment.

(* Stand, if able.)

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Respond in bold.)

Liturgist: Power and might belong to God. We are here, because this is where God's presence is celebrated.

People: Every day is beautiful where God is. Every fellowship is warm. And every wound is healed.

L: Our God welcomes worship in Spirit and truth.

P: Let us praise the God of mighty wonders!

*OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH # 302 (verses 1 – 4; interlude between verses 3 and 4)

*OPENING PRAYER (In unison)

O God, our experiences of you are always mysterious! Receive us now, rich in things but poor in soul. Set us on your knee like little children. And hear the humble prayers we make and the songs we sing. O God, help us in this hour to be so aware of your presence that it will begin a healing process in us. Teach us to seek your face, and renew us for life in your beautiful world. Amen.

*SHARING GREETINGS (Please shake hands with someone you don't know.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH # 496 (verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. William Sterling

(Our prayer rises to heaven, to the mystery of God's power, as the smoke ascends when the precious incense burns.)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Eagle's Wings Medley" Choir

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

The Brock Family

SCRIPTURE READING
Liturgist

Jeremiah 32:17-23; 37-40 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 20:19-31

*HYMN OF FAITH "Old Rugged Cross" UMH # 504 (verses 1, 2 & 4; interlude between verses 2 and 4)

MESSAGE "Post Tenebrum Lux - It's Time" Rev. William Sterling

*HYMN OF INVITATION "He Lives" UMH # 310 (verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

*BENEDICTION Rev. William Sterling

*POSTLUDE

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. William Sterling, Guest Pastor
Brian Gray, Liturgist
Hunter King, Violinist
Rachel Woodburn, Pianist
Josh and Felicia Graves, Videography and Online Church
Tiffany Charles, Director of Children's Ministry and MDO
Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children's Church
Robert Swonke, Kristi and Frank Chavana, Greeters
Jim Curik and Glynn Tucker, Ushers

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!