



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!

May 11, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

**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.

(Stand, if able.)*

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

***OPENING HYMN**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
(verses 1 and 2)

UMH # 172

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In unison)*

**Lord, today we gather as your great family to celebrate the love we
come to know in our human families. On this Mother’s Day, we honor
those who taught us to love and care for one another, and give thanks
for the gift of Christ to be our shepherd, as we pray in His name.
Amen.**

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

***HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
(verses 1, 2, 4 and 6; interlude between verses 4 and 6)

UMH # 92

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. John Clifford

*(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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

FAMILY INTRODUCTION

The Gray Family

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10: 22-30

Liturgist

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

MESSAGE

Rev. John Clifford

***SENDING HYMN**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH # 381

*(verses 1- 4; interlude between verses 3 and 4)****BENEDICTION**

Rev. John Clifford

***POSTLUDE**

Rachel Woodburn

*UMH (United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)***Sermon Notes:**

1. How are “leading” and “ruling” different? Which do you prefer?!
2. Where do we see people shepherding neighbors?
3. How do we experience “the Lord being our shepherd”?

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. John Clifford, Interim Pastor

Brian Gray, Liturgist

Rachel Woodburn, Pianist

Josh and Felicia Graves, Videography and Online Church

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children's Church

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children's Ministries & Mother's Day Out

Robert Swonke, Kristi and Frank Chavana, Greeters

Jim Curik and Glynn Tucker, Ushers

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