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## ***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 18, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.  
Fifth 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.*

*(\* Stand, if able.)*

## MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

### \*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

**Lord God, may your Spirit be present with us today as we hear Jesus share with his first disciples. May his words to them become a daily lesson for us in our age, that the world could share Christ's grace and blessing. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**                      "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"                      UMH # 384  
*(verses 1 – 4; interlude between verses 3 and 4)*

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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**                      Tiffany Charles

**\*HYMN**                      "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"                      UMH # 452  
*(verses 1 – 4; interlude between verses 3 and 4)*

## 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**                      "Jesus Messiah"                      Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

**FAMILY INTRODUCTION**

The Woodburn Family

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 13: 31-35

Liturgist

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**MESSAGE**

Rev. John Clifford

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

UMH # 334

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. John Clifford

**\*POSTLUDE**

Rachel Woodburn

*UMH (United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)*

Sermon Notes:

1. Where in Scripture do we see Jesus teaching?
2. How is this scripture specific to the disciples?
3. Peter discovers it applies more widely; how will we hear that call?

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. John Clifford, Interim Pastor

Tiffany Charles, 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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## **FAMILY INTRODUCTION – THE WOODBURN FAMILY**

**Mike, Rachel, and Anna**

