

ABIDING IN CHRIST



Staying Close To The Source Of Life

John 15:5

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 25, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.
Sixth 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)*

**Almighty God. We gather today to remember your love for your
creation, and to rediscover our source of strength as we declare anew
that we would be Jesus' disciples and share his blessings in our homes
and community. Fill our lives with the peace of living close to you,
Lord, as we pray for Your Spirit in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"America the Beautiful"

UMH # 696

(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

***HYMN**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH # 557

(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

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15: 1-6

Liturgist

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.”

MESSAGE

Rev. John Clifford

***SENDING HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH # 593

*(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)****BENEDICTION**

Rev. John Clifford

***POSTLUDE**

Rachel Woodburn

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

1. Jesus speaks of connections to God. What are your daily connections?
2. Jesus leaves the disciples with “peace” and a promise of the Holy Spirit.
Do we make use of that gift?
3. What might your “good fruit” look like in today’s world?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cindy Bryan, Matt Ponce, Merton Rose, Diane Turner, Bill Griffith, Lance Pavlicek, Friends and Family of Cindy Mumm and the Copeland Family, Beth Forrester, The Lewis Family, Don McAlister, LaRessie Santiago, Carrie Jackson, Kimi Sandel, David & Sandra Galnor, Terry Dyer, Kimberly Isbell, Carol Bingham, Scarlett Cooley, Nancy Barron, Justin Settle

*All names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless requested otherwise.

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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MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE – APRIL 2025

Tithe Income: \$6,606.79

Other Income: \$1,191.54

Total Income: \$7,798.33

April Expenses: \$10,529.75

A/C Fund: \$22,083.81

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