

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ANTHEM

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

UMH #618

WORDS & MUSIC BY: AFRO-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

*HYMN OF INVITATION

DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND

UMH #358; v. 1 & 2

WORDS BY: JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

MUSIC BY: FREDERICK C. MAKER

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

SEND ME, LORD

UMH #497; v. 1 & 2

WORDS & MUSIC BY: SOUTH AFRICAN

1. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.
2. Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.

POSTLUDE

“LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS”

BY: ANTHONY J. SHOWALTER



“Rejection Oftentimes Leads to Success!”

1 Peter 2:2-10

May 3, 2026
Graduation Sunday
Worship Service in
the Sanctuary & Online



FUMC Links



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Our Mission is to Grow and Serve in Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NURSERY IS PROVIDED (BIRTH - 4 YEARS OLD) IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

PRELUDE

“O GIVE THANKS TO THERON LORD”

BASED ON PSALM 100
BY: LLOYD LARSON
TRANSCRIBED BY: CRAIG COURTNEY

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATION CELEBRATION OF SCOTT HAMMERSCHMIDT!

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

HERE, O LORD, YOUR SERVANTS GATHER

UMH #552 v. 1
WORDS BY: TOKYO YAMAGUCHI
MUSIC BY: ISA KOIZUMI

1. Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand; looking toward our Savior's cross, joined in love we stand. As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray: Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.

*CALL TO WORSHIP - CRYSTAL HAMMERSCHMIDT

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,
Congregation: let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

UMH #126; v. 1 & 2
WORDS BY: JOHANN J. SCHÜTZ
MUSIC BY: BOHEMIAN BRETHREN'S KIRCHENGESÄNGE

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.
2. The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - CRYSTAL HAMMERSCHMIDT

Leader: Brother and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?
Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

ABIDE WITH ME

UMH #700; v. 1
WORDS BY: HENRY F. LYTE
MUSIC BY: W. H. MONK

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN OF FAITH

BE STILL, MY SOUL

UMH#534; v. 1 & 2
WORDS BY: KATHARINA VON SCHLEGEL
MUSIC BY: JEAN SIBELIUS

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - LIZIE ROBINSON

1 PETER 2:2-10

SERMON

“REJECTION OFTENTIMES LEADS TO SUCCESS!”

REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

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 you law, we have rebelled against our love, we have not loved your neighbors, and we have not heard he cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hear the good new: 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, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.