

**THE WORSHIP CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH** gathered as  
Lincoln Road United Methodist Church – Riverdale, MI  
Sunday, April 28, 2024- 9:45 a.m. – Easter 5  
Ministers: The Rev'd Dr. Steven Young (PS) & All of Us  
“*Growing in God’s Love*” is our vision

Please fill out a pew rack Prayer Request/‘...Connected’ card

WELCOME/Shoutout to Onliners (\*please stand as able ✓)

CANDLELIGHTING: God is with us...let us be with God

\***WORSHIP WORDS** – Psalm 98:3b-4 [CEB], by PS

\***SONG:** *Shout to the Lord* [FWS #2074]

\***SONG:** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* [FWS #2158]

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:13-16a

READER: Christie Freestone

SONG: *Jesus Is All the World to Me* [UMH #469]

MESSAGE: “...I call you friends...”

OFFERING DEDICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (over)

PRAYERS & BIDDING PRAYER for “Blue Sunday” focus

UNISON LORD’S PRAYER [UMH #895]

\***SONG:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* [UMH #526]

\***DISMISSAL INTO MISSION**, as shared from W&S Leader’s Ed. #161 by Pastor Steve, who edited and enhanced it

\***SENT OUT, BLESSED TO BE BLESSINGS!**

*Thank you for participating in this service of worship!*

PRINT/MUSIC RESOURCES: “UMH” (*The United Methodist Hymnal*) is the hardbound blue songbook in the pew racks; “FWS” (*The Faith We Sing*), the black paperback songbook, and “W&S” (Worship & Song), the green paperback songbook, along with large print versions are at the rear of the sanctuary (and thanks for returning them there). Bible versions used by permission: “CEB”=Common English Bible; “MSG”=*The Message* CCLI License Nos.- Copyright: 2458795; Streaming: 20795815

**Bløe  
Sūnday**  
Child Abuse Prevention Initiative

**THANK YOU!**

Piano: Nancy Throop; Guitar: Steve Young

Media: Dave & Caroline DeGraaf, Dan Throop, Phil Whittier

**Calendar of Events** (at the church building, if not indicated):

APRIL 2024- Special Offering Opportunity: National UMC’s Native American Min.

28 (Sun.): In-Person & Facebook Worship at 9:45 a.m. (or Facebook on demand)

“Blue Sunday,” praying for child abuse victims and rescuers

30 (Tue.): Leadership Team, 9:00 a.m., in Fellowship Hall

UMC General Conference continues, Charlotte, NC, through May 3: please pray

MAY 2024- Special Offering Opportunity: Michigan Annual Conference Specials

5 (Sun.): In-Person & Facebook Worship at 9:45 a.m. (or Facebook on demand)

Holy Communion on this 6th Sunday of Easter

12 (Sun.): In-Person & Facebook Worship at 9:45 a.m. (or Facebook on demand)

Mother’s Day and Ascension Sunday

14 (Tue.): Food Pantry Set-up in Fellowship Hall, Noon – 1:30-ish

16 (Thr.): Food Pantry Distribution in Fellowship Hall, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

18 (Sat.): Trustees, 9 a.m., Riverdale Community Ctr., & garden planting ~ 10 a.m.

19 (Sun.): In-Person & Facebook Worship at 9:45 a.m. (or Facebook on demand)

Pentecost and Graduate Recognition Sunday

25 (Sat.): Garage Sale by Gratiot Co. Fair for Youth, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., at Fairgrounds

26 (Sun.): In-Person & Facebook Worship at 9:45 a.m. (or Facebook on demand)

Trinity Sunday and Memorial Sunday with Memorial Gifts Dedication

27 (Mon.): Offices Closed for Memorial Day

28 (Tue.): Leadership Team Meeting in Fellowship Hall, 9:00 a.m.

29 – 6/1: Pray for the Laity and Clergy at the Michigan UMC Annual Conference

JUNE 2024- Special Offering Opportunity: The National UMC’s Peace with Justice

2 (Sun.): In-Person & Facebook Worship at 9:45 a.m. (or Facebook on demand)

Holy Communion

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