

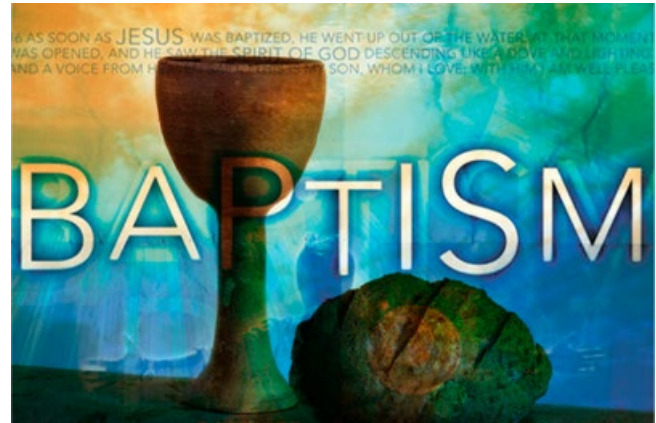
# First United Methodist Church

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**May 5, 2024**



## Prelude

**Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church**

**Opening Prayer**

**Light Altar Candles & Procession of Leaders**

## \*Invitation to Worship:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

## \*Hymn of Praise:

**“Down by the River to Pray”**

**W&S #3164**

**1.** As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

**2** As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way. O, brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on, brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

**3** As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O, fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on, fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

**4** As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way. O, mothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on, mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

**5.** As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O, sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on, sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

## Confession and Pardon:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the**

sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

#### **The promise of our Faith:**

When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness to lead us in a life victorious.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith: Romans 8:35, 37-39**

<sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

<sup>37</sup> **No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### **Concerns & Celebrations & Lord's Prayer**

#### **Young Disciples Time**

**Tithes & Offerings/ Offertory/\*Doxology UMH#95**

### **Written Word of the Lord**

#### **Epistle: Romans 5:18-21**

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> But law came in, so that the trespass might increase, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, just as sin reigned in death, so grace might also reign through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **\*Gospel: John 1:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Spoken Word**

**Rev. Peter Michael Aguilar**

**Hymn of Preparation: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" UMH #614**

<b>1.</b> For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.	<b>2.</b> By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
<b>3.</b> With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.	<b>4</b> In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:**

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come

when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant

by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,

he promised to be with us always,

in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,

he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me."

And so,

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,  
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
 that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
 redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
 one with each other,

and one in ministry to all the world,  
 until Christ comes in final victory  
 and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
 all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,  
 now and forever. **Amen.**

Because there is one loaf,  
 we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.  
 The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
 The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**\*Hymn of Commitment: "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH #723**

<p><b>1</b> Shall we gather at the river,          where bright angel feet have trod,          with its crystal tide forever          flowing by the throne of God?</p>	<p><b>Refrain:</b>          Yes, we'll gather at the river,          the beautiful, the beautiful river;          gather with the saints at the river          that flows by the throne of God.</p>
<p><b>2.</b> On the margin of the river,          washing up its silver spray,          we will walk and worship ever,          all the happy golden day.  <b>(Refrain)</b></p>	<p><b>3.</b> Ere we reach the shining river,          lay we every burden down;          grace our spirits will deliver,          and provide a robe and crown.  <b>(Refrain)</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b> Soon we'll reach the shining river,          soon our pilgrimage will cease;          soon our happy hearts will quiver          with the melody of peace.  <b>(Refrain)</b></p>	

**Benediction**

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*\*Please stand, as you are able (UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing)*



**Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for:**

**The Families of.....** Burley Polk, Patsy Brandenberger, Pat Reardon, Bruce Fowler, Dave Rosberg, David Courtright, Collin Clay Bode son of Clay & Diane Bode.

**..and for the following individuals:** Jean Reardon, Cookie Underwood, Abel Alba, Sophia Ory, Carl Langley, Tiani Tovar Finn, Braden Kangos (5 yr old with Leukemia), Burley & Mary Polk, Kathy McKeown, Anne Chappell, Connar Reardon, Trenton & Azzy Merrit son and grandson of Bridget Langdale, Jess Irwin's sister Sylvia, Mary & Darrell Vines, Everett Andrews (3 year old child of Candice and Nathan Andrews), Linnda Graham, Doris Grote, Lorine Metz, Larry Kahan & Ryne and all the family, Kathy & Ted Kerr, Shirley Beth Lyles, Mark Lehmborg, Carlene Brollier, McKenna Brandenberger (missionary), Vernon & Kathy Fritze, Loy Williams, Terry Lange, Carol Jordan, , the church, Steve and Debra Moore, and All those effected by war.

**Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military.**

**U.S.Army:** Joseph Alba, T.J. Schovajsa, Britney Schovajsa and Kalya Bauer

**USAF:** Matt Adam & Kaleb Owen

**US Navy:** Ferd T. Slocum III, James Vacek & Truman Coe

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**Lay Reader: Judy Cordes**  
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**Music Leader: Jean Reardon**  
**Ushers: Volunteers**



**Vacation Bible School will be hosted here, at FUMC, July 22-24 from 9:00-11:30am.** Children entering Kindergarten-6th grade this fall are invited to join us. Older students are encouraged to volunteer. Scan this QR code to register your kids, grandkids, or friends' kids! Contact Deandra for question.

# This week's Calendar

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> *Prayer Shawl Sunday***

10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 AM Worship Service  
 3:00 PM Piano Recital  
 4:00 PM -5:00 PM Boy Scouts

**Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Birthdays: Val Simonton*  
 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl  
 10:30-11:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Steady Steps Chapel  
 4:30 PM Nurture Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:30 PM Morning Hope Ministries Meeting

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:30-11:30 AM Senior Exercise Group

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> *Senior Sunday & Mother's Day***

10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 AM Worship Service  
 3:00 PM Piano Recital  
 4:00 PM -5:00 PM Boy Scouts

**Giving and Attendance**

LAST WEEK'S GIVING.....\$2,421.00  
 YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING.....\$102,865.10  
 LAST YEAR TO DATE .....\$112,452.44  
 LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANC.....61

May is FUMC's turn to volunteer at the Mason Food Pantry (food bank.) Dates: Monday May 13th & Monday May 27th. Volunteers are needed to pack food orders into boxes (about 5-7 volunteers) and to take the boxes out to the client's cars (about 4-5 volunteers.) Arrive about 3:45pm, the action starts at 4pm and lasts about an hour and a half to two hours, depending on the number of clients. **Questions or to sign up, call or text me, Angela Holcombe, 912-677-6824. A sign up sheet will also be available in the back of the sanctuary.**



*After* AN INVITATION TO FAMILY & FRIENDS

**40 YEARS**

OF DEDICATION TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**PETER AGUILAR**  
 IS RETIRING FROM FULL TIME MINISTRY

*Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Peter!*

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**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE**  
 11:00 am Sunday, May 26th  
 First United Methodist Church

**CATERED LUNCHEON**  
 Immediately following the church service in the Social Hall  
 RSVP by May 15th  
 officemgr@fumcmason.org