

Jerseyville UMC Announcements

🌸 **Members' Luncheon Invitation**

You're warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship at our Members' Luncheon this week! We'll gather at Tony's Italian Pizzeria and Restaurant (78 Main St, Farmingdale, NJ 07727) at 12:00 PM. Come enjoy food and great company - we hope to see you there!

🕊 **Pastor Yoseb Away This Sunday**

Pastor Yoseb is away this Sunday, May 18, attending the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference in Wildwood, NJ. Please keep him and all attendees in your prayers.

🕊 **Remembrance Service for Rev. Ray Schmeling**

You are invited to a special Remembrance Service for Rev. Ray Schmeling on Sunday, June 1 at 10:00 AM at St. Luke's UMC. A luncheon will follow the service. Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, May 18 by contacting the Church Office at 732-222-1341.

Please note: There will be no separate worship service at our church on that Sunday.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for the family of Bruce Goldberg—for Joanne, Dara and Andy, Thomas and Kate, Riley and Thea, his brother Drew, and all of us who were blessed to know Bruce. May God's comfort and peace be with them in this time of grief and may Bruce's memory continue to be a light among us.

Please continue to keep the family of Pastor Ray Schmeling, including our own Joanne, their daughter Melanie, and grandchildren Taylor and Noah in your prayers.

Worship on Zoom - Use your Zoom app, Click the link on jerseyvilleumc.org or call (646) 876-9923. Both the Zoom app & telephone have the same Meeting ID: 882 289 126



Jerseyville United Methodist Church

May 18, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Fifth Sunday of Easter



Sunday Worship ~ 12:00 PM

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Pianist ~ Betty Murad

Pastor ~ Yoseb Jeon

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Worship Service 12pm, May 18, 2025, Fifth Sunday of Easter

❖ = *Those who are comfortable standing, please rise*

Prelude: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (UMH 496)

"Meditation:

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by[c] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

❖Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, people of God—many voices, many gifts, many stories.

Congregation: We are one body in Christ, called together in love.

Pastor: Whether we are strong or weak, joyful or weary—

Congregation: Each one is needed, each one belongs.

Pastor: Let us worship God who weaves us into a living body.

Congregation: Together, we will rejoice, serve, and grow in Christ.

❖Hymn (UMH 77) "How Great Thou Art"

Opening Prayer (Together):

Loving God, you have made us all different, yet you call us to be one - one in spirit, one in hope, one in service, one in Christ. We come this morning with our varied gifts and burdens, trusting that your Spirit knits us together with grace. Help us to listen deeply, to love fully, and to live as your people - members of one body, joined

by your mercy and sent in your peace. In the name of Jesus, our Head and Savior, we pray. Amen.

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖Doxology (UMH 95)

Prayer of Dedication (Together)

Generous God, you have given each of us something to share - time, gifts, resources, compassion, and care. As we bring these offerings, remind us that they are not just transactions, but signs of the body at work - your body, alive in the world. Bless what we give, and bless how we give, that all may know your goodness through our unity in Christ. Amen.

Prayers and Joys of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

❖Hymn (UMH 153) "Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose"

❖Epistle Reading:Ephesians 4:11-16

Sermon: "What's Up With All The References to 'Our Gifts' ?"

Sandy Wolgast

Prayer of Confession (Together):

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived as one body. We have judged some gifts as better than others and dismissed the value of those who are different from us. We have separated ourselves from those who suffer and ignored those who rejoice. Forgive us, Lord. Heal the broken places within your church and in our hearts. Teach us again that if one member suffers, all suffer; if one is honored, all rejoice together. By your Spirit, make us whole. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

❖Hymn (UMH 364) "Because He Lives"

Benediction

Postlude: Send Forth by God's Blessing (UMH 664)