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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, May 11th, 2025

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “God Has Smiled on Me”

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings

****Opening Hymn~ “I Am Thine O Lord” - #419 UMH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
AAHH***

Prayer of Illumination: Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43: Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs.

Ready to Join?

Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and the date for you to join.

What are our membership vows?

Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to covenant with God and the local church members to keep the vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and reception into membership in the local church.

These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Name(s) _____
Address _____
Phone/Email _____

Mark Your Calendar

Women's Day Events: ***On May 17th***, join us for a Brunch and Learn with Rev. Kiya Ward Shears ***from 10 am to 1 p.m.*** ***Our theme is "Blooming Where You're Planted."*** All women of all ages are welcome to attend. The ticket price is \$35 and includes a delicious brunch!

****Women's Day offering: \$50 for men and \$100 for women***

Flowers for the sanctuary: Purchase flowers in honor of a loved one, anniversary, birthday, celebration, etc. Contact Sis. Janie, with any questions.

All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

****Psalm Reading~ Psalter 754***

****Second Reading:*** Revelation 7:9-17: *After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Song of Preparation ~ “I Am Redeemed”

****Gospel Reading~ John 10:22-30: At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”***

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles’ Creed) ~ pg. 881 UMH

Prayers of the People~ Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Confession/Pardon/Great Thanksgiving~ Dr. Cummings

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

****Closing Hymn~ “God Be with You” - #639 AAHH***

****Benediction~ Dr. Cummings***