

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

May 5, 2024

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name

Prelude - Symphony #5: Adagio - C. M. Widor

Call to Worship

Marcus Wilson

Sing to our God a new song,

for God has done wondrous things.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Break forth into songs of praise.

Let all creation praise the Lord.

*Opening Hymn 314** - In the Garden*

Invocation

Ruth Priebe

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us - into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. Let your presence speak within us - in the languages we speak, in the ways we live and have our being. For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:2 (NLT)

Cammie Barker

Philippians 4:8-9 (MSG)

Kaiya Millirons

Psalms 119:105 (NRSV)

Ruth Priebe

Proverbs 27:18 (NLT)

Colton Soboslay

Psalms 18:1-2 (NIV)

Marcus Wilson

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem - Guide Us Lord - Mark Patterson

God's Word for Young Disciples

Kaiya Millirons, Colton Soboslay, Ruth Priebe

Message

Marcus Wilson, Cammie Barker

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Presentation of Bibles to Confirmation 1

Haidyn Bonds
Chelsea Combs

Noah Cramer
Dallas Soboslay

Christopher Wilson

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - Cantar (Sing) - Jay Althouse
(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew.)

Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion (Hymnal p. 13)

Confirmation (see insert)

Cameron Barker
Kaiya Millirons

Ruth Priebe
Colton Soboslay

Marcus Wilson

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith

Closing Hymn 261** - Lord of the Dance

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn 666)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude - Toccata on "Aberystwyth" - B. Portman



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given

In honor of the 2024 Confirmation Class, by Valerie Riedthaler.

Service Music: Epworth Choir and Phil Lantry- Piano

Music: One License A-731491

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care, these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love. **We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

Apostles' Creed

We believe in the 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 has come to judge the quick and the dead
We 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.

CHURCH NOTES

Calling All Seniors! If you or your child is a senior in high school, please call the church office and let us know so that we don't miss honoring someone on Senior Sunday - May 19.

New Handbell Choir: Do you love seeing the handbells on Sunday mornings? Here is your chance to play them. Dean Wagner is putting together a new handbell choir for beginning to intermediate players. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 6 - 6:45 p.m. The beginning date yet to be determined. Please contact Dean at Ext. 221 or email him at hdwagnerfumc@gmail.com. <mailto:hdwagnerfumc@gmail.com>

Vacation Bible School: Registration is now open for Camp Firelight VBS on June 17-21. Register online at <https://fumccf.mycokesburyvbs.com>

or get a flyer from the office or Welcome Center. VBS is from 9 - 12 for children aged 3 (by 9/24/24) - 4th grade. SERVE is at the same time for grades 5-6, and the afternoon Extreme program is from 12-5.

VBS Volunteers Needed/VBS Teacher Training: We are still looking for volunteers to help with VBS, SERVE, and Extreme. We specifically need someone to lead elementary Recreation and Storytelling. Contact Donna Curfman at Ext. 213 or dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com if you are interested. If you've committed to helping with VBS, you should plan to attend one of the **required** Teacher Training Sessions which are scheduled for Wednesday, May 29. Choose between two sessions: the first at 12:30 p.m. followed by a meeting of all those working with the preschool part of VBS; the second session at 6:30 that night. If you cannot attend on the 29th, there is a make up session after church on June 2. Please RSVP to Donna Curfman as to which session you will attend.

Panda Express Fundraiser - Tomorrow, May 6, plan to order your lunch or dinner (or both!) between 10 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. from the Panda Express located at 2855 State Rd. in the Falls. They will donate 20% of event sales to Work Camp. You may go there with a paper flyer, show a picture of it on your phone, you order online at PandaExpress.com (or on the app) using 368086 in the fundraiser code box.

Chess Camp is returning this year! The program for children going into grades K and up will run in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the week of June 24 – 28. Beginners through advanced chess players are all welcome for a cost of \$25. This will include lunch each day. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center, in the church office and on our website.

Work Camp: Each year a group of adults and youth from First Church go to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky. There they take on projects for the folks who live there: painting, roofing, repairing. Helping these folks is a wonderfully rewarding experience. This year Work Camp will take place June 2 - 8. If you are interested in going, or just want more information, please contact Jack Steele at 330-697-8344.

Annual Golf Outing: It is time to mark your calendars again for the 18th Annual Bud Mills Memorial Golf Outing to benefit the Epworth tour of 2025. The outing is at Brookledge again on June 22 at 1:30. You may play in the event for \$90. We will be seeking hole and cart sponsors as well at the \$150 and \$25 levels.

Habitat For Humanity: First Church partners with Habitat to build a home yearly. We will begin our next home in May and will be volunteering one Saturday each month from May through September. No experience necessary, but you must be 18 years or older and will participate in things such as siding, painting, insulating, etc. We are able to have 7 volunteers each time. If you would like to participate, please let Kim Kerr at Kdk3rr@gmail.com or 330-606-7736.

Church Wide Potluck Lunch: Please plan to bring your favorite dishes to share on May 19th for a church potluck. We look forward to this special gathering. Save the date!

Geraniums For Pentecost: We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 19. We are asking people to bring a single potted red geranium to worship and place it in the front of the Sanctuary. The plants will then be planted around the church building to beautify our grounds.

**Service of Confirmation
May 5, 2024**

CONFIRMATION I

Teachers: Jen McKenna and Denice Wilson
Students: Noah Cramer, Haidyn Bonds,
Dallas Soboslay, and Christopher Wilson

CONFIRMATION II

Teachers: Kattie Priebe and Valerie Riedthaler
Confirmands: Cammie Barker, Kaiya Millirons, Ruth Priebe, Colton Soboslay, and Marcus Wilson

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND VOWS

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to live according to God's holy will and commandments and walk in them all the days of your life as a faithful member of Christ's holy church? **I do.**

Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **I will.**

CONFIRMATION

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH –
PRAYER BULLETIN
MAY 5, 2024**



MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie	Jeff Iula
Bob Ahonen	Delphia Lowe
Debbie Amundsen	Lee Minier
Jim Beebe	Kathi Sawyer
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Bonnie Shultz
Don Corbett	Karen & Michael Taucher
Mary Griest	Ken Tunstall
Jim Henes	

DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Family of member Martha Johnson on her death on 4/28.

Family of member Phyllis Wilson on her death on 4/17.

Todd Ederer & family on the death of his father, Alan El Ederer on 4/19.