



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @10:45am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:45am

April 26, 2026

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude--Abide with Me--G.F. Handel, setting by Jeffrey Blersch

Introit--Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus--arr. Zuschin

Call to Worship--

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem
for the Lord has comforted his people.

For in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead.

as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

Opening Hymn306--**The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Invocation--

Almighty and merciful God, who did not spare your Son but sent him to suffer for us. Grant that we, who follow in his steps, may not shrink from suffering nor return evil for evil, but entrust ourselves to your faithful care; that, by his wounds, we may be healed, and our own wounds made instruments of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading--1 Peter 2:19-25

Gloria Patri--Glory Be to the Father (Hymnal p. 70)

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--*O Sinfuni Mungu*

Epworth Choir

Ruth Priebe, Cammie Barker, Kennedie Ward-soloists

God's Word for Young Disciples--(congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)

Scripture Reading**--John 10:1-10

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

Sermon--"By His Wounds We Are Healed"

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Hymn of Response **375--*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Discipleship Moment--Teacher Appreciation

Offertory--*My Jesus I Love Thee*--arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

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.**

SENDING FORTH

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

Closing Hymn308**--*Thine Be the Glory*

Benediction--*Grace to You*--Zuschin

Postlude--*O Great Is the Depth*--Felix Mendelssohn

**The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary, by Joe and Linda Demeter**

Music--One License A-731491

***indicates please stand as you are able*

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HYMN LYRICS

OPENING HYMN

#306 The Strife Is Over

Antiphon:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their
worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst:
Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded
thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants
free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GLORIA PATRI

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#420 Breathe on Me Breath of God

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. Refrain

2. Don't ever feel discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend,
And if you look for knowledge
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. Refrain

3. If you can't preach like Peter,
if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus,
and say he died for all. Refrain

CLOSING HYMN

#308 Thine Be the Glory

1 Thine be the glory
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.

[Refrain:]

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)

CHURCH NOTES 4-26-26

Arts Series Concerts: Our next concert will be Singer's Companye on Wednesday, April 29 @7:30pm. Their spring concert features two new works by Grammy-winning composer, Jake Runestad. Set for choir, flute, clarinet, strings, piano, and percussion, these works are based on poems from Mayan-Guatemalan artist, Humberto Ak'abal. The pieces are a mix of folk, bluegrass, blues/jazz, and early-American with Scottish influences. We hope you'll plan to attend and bring a friend. A free-will offering will be collected.

Mark your calendars! May 17 @3pm, Master Singers Chorale will present their 25 Anniversary Celebration Concert featuring "*Everyone Sang*," a composition by our own Eric Charnofsky. This concert will also include works by Rutter, Brahms, Schubert, Mozart, Fauré and more. A free-will offering will be collected.

Panda Express Fundraiser: Mark your calendars for Monday, May 4 for a fundraiser benefitting Work Camp! Simply order online from 10-9:30pm with code 3859484, or bring the paper flyer to order in person (can be found at the Welcome Center), and Work Camp will receive 20% of sales. Thanks for your support.

Blessing Box: We could use some individually packaged snacks, boxes of cereal, and heat-and-eat meals, like stew, ravioli, and mac n' cheese for the Blessing Box. Any donations can be brought to the bins by the church library.

VBS & Chess Camp: VBS Planning is in full swing! Registration for the June 22-26 session is live! Use the QR code to sign-up. We need volunteers—both teens and adults. Contact Donna Curfman if you have any questions or are eager to secure your spot.

Chess Camp will be held July 6–10. Registration is open! The camp is for both new and experienced players aged K and up. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center.

FODDER

Good? Trouble

Modern culture tends to avoid suffering and numb our pain

vs. 21 – But Jesus doesn't avoid trouble, he enters into it

By His Wounds We are Healed

vs. 24 – In Christ's hands, even our suffering can be a place of grace

“The question is not, ‘How can we hide our wounds?’ but ‘How can we put our woundedness into the service of others?’” – Henri Nouwen

Questions for Reflection: What part or present wounds do you most wish God would remove? How might Jesus be inviting you not just to be freed from that pain, but to experience healing through it?

Questions for Discussion: How has our culture shaped your expectations about what a “good” or “faithful” life should feel like? What part does difficulty or suffering play in the “good” life?

Memory Verse: **1 Peter 2:21** – *“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.”*

Readings for this Week: Matthew 16:21-28, Philippians 2:1-11

JUNE 22-26, 2026

Registration Opens April 6!

VBS

Register VBS





Save the Date

CHESS CAMP

July 6-10, 2026

Registration opens April 20, 2026.
See the Welcome Center for a brochure with more information.




Spring Concert

FOOTPRINTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 @ 7:30PM



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Master Singers Chorus

25th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, May 17, 2026
3:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church

Including works by Rutter, Brahms, Schubert, Mozart, Faure and others.
WORLD PREMIERE performance of "Everyone Sang" by Eric Charnofsky



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:

In our community:
We lift up administrative assistants.

In our Greater world:
We pray for peace.

Our sympathy & Prayers:
We lift up Val Riedthaler and family on the death of her father on 4/18

From our Congregation:

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