



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @10:45am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:45am

May 10, 2026

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude--*Meditation, from Thaïs*--Jules Massenet

Kristen van Dyck, violin

Introit--*Chapel Chimes*--Wesley Ringers

Call to Worship--

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord.

My heart and my body rejoice to the living God!

Better is a single day in your courtyards

than a thousand days anywhere else.

Opening Hymn557**--Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Invocation--

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Scripture Reading--2 Peter 1:1-7

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

Gloria 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--*A Family Is a Circle*--Audrey Snyder

Wesley Choir

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

Anthem--*Beloved*--Mark Miller

Epworth Choir

Scripture Reading**--John 15:1-5

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

Sermon--*"Everything We Need for Life and Godliness"*

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Hymn of Response **397--*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Discipleship Moment--

Offertory--*Nearer, Still Nearer*--arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

Kristen van Dyck, violin

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 Hymn**431--*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Benediction--*May the Lord Watch Over You*

Combined Choirs

Postlude--*The Son of God Has Come*--Johann Sebastian Bach

**The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in honor of the 2026 confirmands, by Val Riedthaler**

Music--One License A-731491

***indicates please stand as you are able*

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HYMN LYRICS

OPENING HYMN

#557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

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

#397 I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

2. I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art
nigh. (Refrain)

3. I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
(Refrain)

4. I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.
(Refrain)

5. I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.
(Refrain)

CLOSING HYMN

#431 Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

CHURCH NOTES 5-10-26

Titanic: *Titanic A Night to Remember* will be presented by guest speaker Carl Quatraro on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @ 10:30am in the church parlor. All are welcome to attend.

Senior Sunday: Next week we will honor our graduating seniors in worship and after the 10:45am worship with a reception outdoors (weather permitting). We hope you'll join us in congratulating Katie Walker, Eliote Barker, Dominic Dunlap, Brayden Carpenter, Dylan Carpenter, and Nehemiah Priebe.

Arts Series Concerts: 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.

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.

Mandatory, VBS Volunteer training will take place on June 3 @12:30pm or 6:30pm. The make-up date is June 7, after worship. See Donna for more information.

Geraniums for Pentecost: Per tradition, don't forget to bring in a red geranium on May 24. Place your plant on the Chancel (before 9:30am) to decorate the Sanctuary for Pentecost. The plants will be planted outside to beautify the church grounds for the summer.

Summer Bible Study: Join us for Summer Sunday Bible Study beginning June 14th, after the 9:30am service. Jerry Killian will lead the study, focusing on "The Commandments of Jesus—The Essence of Discipleship." John 15:10a -"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love." Everyone is welcome. Attend one, attend them all. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 330-923-5241.

Coming Up...

May 24—Pentecost & New Members (begin one service @9:30am)

May 25—Memorial Day (offices closed)

June 7—First Friday Picnic @Waterworks Park (beginning @5:30pm)

June 21—Church Fest 2026, worship @10:30am, catered luncheon & activities following in the Downtown CF Amphitheater & Pavilion

FODDER

What Is Not Love

Why, when we intend love, do we so often miss the mark?

vs. 4 – We live in a world shaped by things other than love

Everything We Need

vs. 3 – In Christ, we have been given all we need for life and godliness

vs. 5 – building on faith, we grow toward perfection in love

Questions for Reflection: How does it change your perspective to think of love as something built over time rather than instantly achieved? Where do you see our world being shaped by things that are not love?

Questions for Discussion: Which of the building blocks of 2 Peter 1:5-7 feels most needed in your life right now? Where do you see signs of growth in love in your life?

Memory Verse: **2 Peter 1:3** – *“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”*

Readings for this Week: 1 John 4:15-19, Proverbs 3:5-6

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.




MASTER Singers Chorus
AN UNUSUAL CHORAL VOYAGE

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

Including works by Rutter, Brahms, Schubert, Mozart, Faure and others.

25th
ANNIVERSARY

WORLD PREMIERE performance of "Everyone Sang" by Eric Charnofsky



MAY 31

Bring a Friend Sunday

Bring a friend to check out summer choir & summer worship!
Summer choir is a great way to explore choir with just one rehearsal Sunday mornings at 9am.

JOIN US FOR SOME STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AFTER WORSHIP!



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:

In our community:
We lift up early childhood educators.

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:

Bob Ahonen	Tom Jackson
Joanne Ames	Jenny Laconi
Debbie Amundsen	Kathy McFarland
Rick Amundsen	Vince Meeker
Dorothy Bates	Raquel Mehalik
Janet Blank	Robbie Robinson
Suzanne Callahan	Kathi Sawyer
Eric Charnofsky	Michael Taucher
Marge Crabtree	Kathy Walker
Gabe & Rima Elissa	Jim Ward Jr.
John Gullion	Peg Yeager
Kim Haftl	Tim Zuschin
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