

Confirmation
SUNDAY



MAY 3, 2026

Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @10:45am

Confirmation Sunday

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GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Grey Bonds

Prelude--Come Follow Me--Samuel McBurney, arr. Michael Stanek

Introit--His Name Is Wonderful

Combined Choirs

Call to Worship--

Kendall Millirons

Come, people of God, called by name and marked by grace.

We come to worship the One who claims us in love.

Today we celebrate faith awakened, promises affirmed, and lives dedicated to Christ.

We rejoice in the Spirit who strengthens and guides us.

Opening Hymn593--**Here I Am Lord

Invocation--

Grace Neal

Gracious and loving God, You have called each of us by name and drawn us into your family through your Son. On this Confirmation Sunday, we give you thanks for those affirming their faith and for the work of your Spirit in their lives. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us all, that we may be renewed in faith, strengthened in hope, and rooted in love. Bless this time of worship, that everything we say and do may glorify your holy name. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

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

Life Verses-- 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

Wendy Walker

Ephesians 1:11, and Proverbs 10:9

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

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--Glory, Glory, Hallelujah--arr. Catherine Delanoy

Epworth Choir

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

Message--

Jocelyn Wilson

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

Hymn of Response **378--Amazing Grace

Confirmation--see bulletin insert

Joy Priebe, Wendy Walker, Jocelyn Wilson

Discipleship Moment

Joy Priebe, Wendy Walker, Jocelyn Wilson

Offertory--Lead Me Lord--arr. Fred Bock

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

Wendy Walker

**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)

SENDING FORTH

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

Closing Hymn261--Lord of the Dance**

Benediction (Hymnal 666)--*Shalom to You*

***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--*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*--Lewis Edwards, arr. Brian Richey

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in honor of Becky Petty's 99th birthday, given by Dale and Karen Petty
in honor of the 2026 Senior Class, by Val Riedthaler

Music--One License A-731491

***indicates please stand as you are able*

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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.*

Service of Confirmation

May 3, 2026

CONFIRMATION I

*Teachers: Denice Wilson, Mark Rogalski and Pastor Pippin
Students: Grey Bonds, Kendall Millirons, Grace Neal*

Bible Presentation Confirmation I

CONFIRMATION II

*Teachers: Denice Wilson, Mark Rogalski, and Pastor Pippin
Confirmands: Joy Priebe, Wendy Walker, Jocelyn 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/LAYING ON OF HANDS

HYMN LYRICS

OPENING HYMN

#593 Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
2

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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

#378 Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

CLOSING HYMN

#261 Lord of the Dance

1 I danced in the morning
When the world was begun
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He
And I'll lead you all
Wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all
In the Dance said He

2 I danced for the scribe
And the Pharisee
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow Me
I danced for the fishermen
For James and John
They came with Me
And the dance went on

3 I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung Me on high
And they left Me there
On a Cross to die

4 I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back
They buried My body
And they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance
And I still go on

5 They cut Me down
And I leapt up high
I am the life
That'll never never die
I'll live in you
If you'll live in Me
I am the Lord
Of the Dance said He

BENEDICTION

#666 Shalom

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.

CHURCH NOTES 5-3-26

Join us after worship for a reception honoring our Confirmands in Wesley Hall.

Summit Bells Concert: Summit Bells will present a concert TOMORROW evening @7:00pm here in the Sanctuary.

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.

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.

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.

Coming Up in May...

May 10—Mother’s Day

May 17—Senior Sunday

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

Summit Bells

— In Concert —

Directed by CHARLES KOBB

Handbell Odyssey

There is a Fountain

March Majestic

Blue Rondo à la Turk

Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven

When the Saints Go Marching In



Monday, May 4 – First UMC, Cuyahoga Falls, 7:00 pm

Summit Bells is a nonprofit community handbell ensemble with ringers from the greater Akron area. Its highly skilled ringers love to play challenging music of all styles and to explore the many techniques that are unique to handbell ringing. Audiences marvel at what they are able to do.

Please come, bring a friend, and enjoy a musical night out!

The concert is free, but a free will donation would be appreciated.

JUNE 22-26, 2026

Registration Opens April 6!

VBS

Register VBS



SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!

Save the Dates

CHESS CAMP

July 6-10, 2026

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



CHESS CAMP

MASTER Singers Chorus

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 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:

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
Marge Crabtree	Michael Taucher
Gabe & Rima Elissa	Kathy Walker
John Gullion	Jim Ward Jr.
Kim Haftl	Peg Yeager
Kathleen Hess	Tim Zuschin

