Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us. This is the Lord's house, and all are welcome here. We practice open hearts, open minds, and open doors. If you are able, please stand while speaking or singing when indicated by an asterisk\*.

"He is Lord" **UMH 177** Gathering

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Welcome and Announcements

Rafferty Cleary

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte

\*Call to Worship by Sally Johnson Rafferty Cleary

Leader: In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:

People: You are my children. Shine!

Leader: In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks:

People: You are my children. Grow!

Leader: In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks:

People: You are my children. Stand with strength!

Leader: In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:

People: You are my children. Trust!

Leader: In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth

beneath us And with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks:

People: You are my children. Live!

\* Hymn of Praise "Easter People, Raise Your Voice" **UMH 304** 

You may be Seated

**Pastoral Prayer Pastor Fabian** 

Apostles' Creed Rafferty Cleary

I believe in 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 shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I 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. Hymn of Preparation "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

\* Scripture Reading Acts 5:27-32 **Pastor Fabian** 

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5:27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,

5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.

5:30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

5:31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

5:32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

"Embodied Believing" **Pastor Fabian** Message

\*Hymn of Response "Where Charity and Love Prevail" **UMH 549** 

Offertory Prayer Rafferty Cleary

God, from you comes every bounty. Every sacrifice of life that sustains ours is the sacrifice of your beloved. As we return a small part of the bounty you have blessed us with, We pray that it will be used to forge stronger connections among all creation until the whole world is redeemed by your love. Amen.

Offertory Music Jill Jones-Lazuka

\* Congregational Response "Doxology" **UMH 94** 

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* Sending Forth "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" Jill Jones-Lazuka and Acolytes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of the earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

**Pastor Fabian** 

**UMH 462** 

<sup>\*</sup> Blessing and Benediction

#### Prayer Updates 4/20/2025

No Prayer request this week.

### **This Weeks Birthday**

April 27 Saundra Gilmore May 4 David Webster

#### **This Weeks Anniversary**

April 28 Marlon & Jill Lazuka

#### **Upcoming Events**

Donuts & Coffee – Starting May 4th!

Come early and enjoy donuts and coffee at 10:30 AM before the service.

This is a great opportunity to fellowship, catch up with friends, and start the morning with a sweet treat. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Special Guest Speaker – Sunday, May 4th

We are honored to welcome our District Superintendent, **Rev. Rickey Wade**, as our guest speaker on **Sunday**, **May 4th**.

- Sermon Title: "A Grand Do Over"
- Scripture Text: Saint John 21:1–19
- **Theme:** By our faith in Christ, through His death and resurrection, we are given a second chance. We are no longer in bondage to sin and death. This is our grand do-over—a new opportunity to live holy lives through the sanctifying grace of God.

Please join us for this special time of worship and reflection.

## **Messages & Other Notes**

## The Upper Room – May/June Issue Now Available

The May/June edition of *The Upper Room* devotional is here! Copies are available on the table in the hallway. Please feel free to take one and enjoy the daily reflections.

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Sundays	Small Group	9:45 a.m.	-	10:45 a.m.
	Worship	11:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	12:00 p.m.	-	1:00 p.m.
	AA Group	6:00 p.m.	-	7:00 p.m.
Mondays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.
Fridays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.		12:30 p.m.