



RISING STRONG

Living Out the
Resurrection

“RISING FROM
DISAPPOINTMENT”

First  United

Methodist Church of Lancaster
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**First United
Methodist Church**

Our Vision

To be a central hub of Christian
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:

Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering

**May 3, 2026
8:15 & 10:45 AM**

Prelude “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (arr. Marianne Kim)
Peter Omundsen, organ

Announcements & Greeting Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) Introit “Maker In Whom We Live” (Charles Wesley)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week
inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that
inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

**People: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of
being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.**

Leader: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and
bring us clarity and hope once again.

**People: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always
recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the
way where there seems to be no way.**

Leader: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready
for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

**People: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the
possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.**

Leader: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to
meet us where we are with good news.

**All: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we
come to worship God! Amen.**

*Hymn No. 79 “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Common Prayer

**O risen Christ, On the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion.
Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every
encounter, engender our compassion, so that we may welcome others and
listen to their stories. Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word. May it
illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy
Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to
recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our
siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them.
Amen.**

Scripture Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (*pew Bible, NT, p. 533*)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(8:15 AM) Anthem "Communion Prayer" (Allen Pote)
Chapel Choir– Peter Omundsen, Director
Judy Williams, piano

(10:45 AM) Anthem "Didn't Our Hearts Burn" (Pepper Choplin)
from "Once Upon a Morning"
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

Preparation for Prayer, No. 700 "Abide With Me" (stanza 1)

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord,
with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the
helpless, O abide with me.**

Pastoral Prayer

** * Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church * **

*Hymn No. 309 "On the Day of Resurrection"

Scripture Luke 24:13-35 (*pew Bible, NT, p. 84*)

Message Rising Strong: Living out the Resurrection Rev. Jason Ríos
Week 2: "Rising from Disappointment"

Affirmation of Faith "Apostle's Creed" Hymnal No. 881

*Song of Praise, No. 71 "Glory Be to the Father"

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord,
with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the
helpless, O abide with me.**

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we
have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not
loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive
us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that
proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Sacrament

*You may bring your gifts of tithes and offerings
to the Lord as you move forward for Communion*

Congregational Prayer

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. Amen.

*Hymn No. 312 "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 312 "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" (stanza 1)

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Al-le-lu-ia! To his throne above the skies,
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ, a while to mortals given, Al-le-lu-ia! Reascends his
native heaven, Al-le-lu-ia!**

Postlude "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (arr. K. Kosche)
Peter Omundsen, organ

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barbara Hill
Acolyte - Natalie Reed
Liturgist - Marc Russo
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi
Projector- Christian Faux

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Jeanne Paules
Acolyte - Jeff Fisher
Liturgist - Correen Russo
Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi
Projector/Livestream-Christian Faux

Pastors- Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers- First Church Congregation

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WOMEN IN FAITH NIGHT OUT: MAY 1ST AT 6 PM

We gather every 1st Friday at Southern Market Food Court, come join us!
Connect, be encouraged, and remember—you don't have to do life alone.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY– MAY 24TH

On May 24th, graduates will be celebrated at all three worship services. If you or someone from your family is a 2026 graduate (high school or college), please contact Katherine Spear (kgs.130@gmail.com or 717-394-7231 ext 3304) with the following information: graduate's full name, school attended, degree/certificate obtained, & future plans. We want to include everyone in this special celebration, so please be sure to send your information!

WESLEY SINGERS SPRING CONCERTS– YOU'RE INVITED!

The Wesley Singers are a group of men who share the message of God's love, grace and mercy through singing at local retirement home. The only "skill" needed to join is a desire to sing your best!

Upcoming concerts include:

- Monday, May 4: 1PM at St. John's Herr Estate
3PM at St Anne's
- Monday, May 11: 1:30 PM at Trillium
3PM at Woodcrest Villa

Congregational Meeting

All Welcome!



SUNDAY, MAY 31:

- **One COMBINED Worship Service - 10 AM**
- **Pancake Breakfast-Immediately following**

On May 31, we invite you to join us for a special day in the life of our church as we gather for one combined worship service at 10:00 AM. This will be a meaningful time for our whole congregation to come together in unity, prayer, and praise led by our confirmation group.

After a shared meal, we will hold an important congregational meeting to discuss the church's current financial situation. This conversation will help keep everyone informed and allow us to reflect together on our shared stewardship and future direction.

Your presence matters—not only in worship, but also in the life and decisions of our church. We hope you'll be able to stay for the entire time.



VBS

June 22-26, 6-8 PM

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