



RISING STRONG

Living Out the
Resurrection

COME
Holy Spirit
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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 24, 2026
8:15 & 10:45 AM**

Prelude “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (arr. J. Utterback)
Peter Omundsen, organ

Announcements & Greeting Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) Introit “There’s a Spirit in the Air” (Brian Wren)
Chancel Choir– Jeff Guy, conductor

*Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern
God’s good news working among us.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving
relationships with God and one another.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the
bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the
work for liberation and wholeness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us.
Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

**All: We come to receive the Spirit’s abundant and gracious gifts that
we may be a people who live out God’s truth, love, and freedom
in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation.
Amen.**

*Hymn No. 57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Common Prayer

**Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell
among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant
us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning
earth. Amen.**

(10:45 AM) Reception of Our New Member Kathleen Altobello

Scripture Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b (*pew Bible, OT, p. 525*)

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

(8:15 AM) Anthem “Just a Little Talk with Jesus” (Cleavant Derricks)
Jan Betty, soprano; Peter Omundsen, piano

(10:45 AM) Anthem “Day of Pentecost” (Pepper Choplin)
from *Once Upon a Morning*
Chancel Choir– Jeff Guy, conductor

Celebrating Our Graduates

Preparation for Prayer, No. 133 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (refrain)

Pastoral Prayer

(10:45 AM) The Lord’s Prayer

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

*Hymn No. 465 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Scripture John 20:19-23 (*pew Bible, NT, p.108*)

Message Rising Strong: Living Out the Resurrection
Week 4: “Rising from Despair”
Pastor Jason Rios

*Affirmation of Faith, No. 881 Apostles’ Creed

*Song of Praise, No. 176 “Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

8:15 AM ONLY 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

Congregational Prayer (8:15 seated, 10:45 remain standing)

God of peace, when fear closes the doors of our hearts, come and stand among us as Christ stood among the disciples. Breathe your Spirit upon us again, and fill us with courage, hope, and joy. Send us into the world as bearers of your grace and reconciliation. May our words and actions reflect the peace of Christ to all who are anxious, hurting, or alone. In the name of the risen Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Receiving the Offering “Give Me Jesus” (arr. Moses Hogan)
Jan Betty, soprano; Peter Omundsen, piano

*Doxology, No. 681 “All Praise to Thee, My God This Night” (stanza 5)

*Hymn No. 331 “Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (stanza 1)

Postlude “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” (arr. B. Culli)
Peter Omundsen, organ

8:15 AM Worship

Ushers– Mark Stoner, Don Herneisen
Acolyte – Kathy Johnson
Liturgist – Lauren Markley
Sound Tech – Alexandra Neumann
Projector- Christian Faux

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief – Bruce Grove
Acolyte – Rachel Ridgeway
Liturgist – Dr. Cole Lehman
Sound Tech – Alexandra Neumann
Projector/Livestream– Christian Faux

Pastors– Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick
Ministers– First Church Congregation