

The Well

Ascension Sunday

Miracle Sunday

May 17, 2026

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words

With eyes to see,

And ears to hear,

With lips to sing,

And hands to help:

With all that we have and all that we are,

let us worship the Lord who reigns over all!

Opening Celebration

The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds.
Kings and kingdoms will bow down,
and every chain will break
as broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion,
the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power,
and fighting our battles,
and every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb,
the Lamb that was slain
for the sin of the world.
His blood breaks the chains,
and every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Oh, every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

So open up the gates.
Make way before the King of kings.
Our God who comes to save
is here to set the captives free.
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Oh, every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
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Welcoming One Another

Song

All My Boast Is in Jesus

What wonder of wonders, what love is this
That Christ would die for me?
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness,
This sinner's only plea.
O foolish pride be crucified.
The work is finished.

All my boast is in Jesus.
All my hope is His love,
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done.

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled
With graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord.
Who else is worthy?

All my boast is in Jesus.
All my hope is His love,
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done.

O praise the One forever blessed.
Him alone my heart adores,
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord.

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Him alone my heart adores,
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord.

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might,
But in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness. To live is Christ,
In plenty or in want,
That I may know, that all may see
His pow'r within me.

All my boast is in Jesus.
All my hope is His love,
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done.

Now I stand in His freedom,
Ransomed clean in His sight,
And I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ.
My boast is Jesus Christ.
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ.

We Hear God's Word

Mission Moments

Miracle Sunday Initiative

Reception of New Members

Travis and Roni Booher

Pastor: As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

New Members: **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Travis and Roni to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to**

participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. Amen! Now it is our joy to welcome Travis and Roni as the newest members of the First church family!

First Scripture Lesson

[Acts 1:6-14](#)

Lisa Boren

⁶ As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, “Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?”

⁷ Jesus replied, “It isn’t for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

⁹ After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. ¹¹ They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus’ son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James’ son— ¹⁴ all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Sharing Faith with God’s Children

Chris Fulkerson

Care for children up to age 5 is in Room 121. Worship Kits for children, containing crayons and puzzle sheets based on Scripture, may be found in the entrance area.

Song

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest,
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are,
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way,
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.
You're my one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Second Scripture Lesson [John 17:1-11](#)

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Message "Living the Vision: LEAD COURAGEOUSLY" Pastor Duane
If you would like to discuss today's message after the service is over, join the Reflections group in Room 114.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts

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.

We Are Sent to Serve

Closing Song

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me,
Over life's tempestuous sea:
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal;

Chart and compass, Lord, come from Thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!
Chart and compass, Lord, come from Thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"

Wondrous Sov'reign, Lord of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!
Wondrous Sov'reign, Lord of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,

May I hear Thee, Lord, say to me,
"Fear not. I will pilot thee!"
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"Fear not. I will pilot thee!"
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The Blessing

