

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given  
by Jean Faulkner  
to the Glory of God  
and in honor of her husband,  
Gary's seventieth birthday, which is April 11.

To donate flowers, please contact Becky Kirtley at 252-331-3431.

## LICENSES

Some music for our worship experience is offered with express  
permissions granted by One License A-734965.

## ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne — *Lead Pastor*  
Rev. Erin Yow — *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Steve Coss — *Associate Pastor*  
Michael S. Brannon — *Director of Music*  
Jennifer Gompf — *Acolyte*  
Noreen Elshaw — *Cross Bearer*  
Steve Johnson, guitar/vocal  
Lynn Killian, violin  
Jack Davis  
Pete Richards  
Jim Winstead  
Paul Daniels  
Roger Lau — *Musicians*  
Sissi Carroll — *Reader*  
Sally Grauer — *Altar Guild Volunteer*  
Jason Gardner, Keith Anderson — *Sound Technicians*

## GIVING

To support the ministries and missions of  
First United Methodist Church, place a gift  
in the offering plate, give online through the  
QR code below, send a check to the church, or  
give through regular bank drafts.  
Thank you for your generosity.



## MARCH 2026 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$107,250.00  
Funds Received - \$118,543.69

## 2026 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$321,750.00  
Funds Received - \$347,851.61



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A warm welcome to  
all guests and  
newcomers. Please  
fill out the  
attendance register  
on your pew.  
All persons are  
welcome at First  
United Methodist  
Church, as  
Jesus Christ has  
welcomed us into  
the love and grace  
of God. Our mission  
is to change lives  
and make disciples  
of Jesus Christ.

At the chiming  
of the Trinity,  
please silence your  
mobile devices  
and prepare  
your hearts  
and minds  
for worship.

† Please rise in body  
or in spirit

# FIRST

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary Prelude on Dennis (Hymn 557) arr. Neil Harmon

† Hymn 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

**Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

**Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

**Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

† Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed United Methodist Hymnal #881

**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.**

**SENDING FORTH**

†Responsorial Hymn 71 GREATOREX  
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.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

†Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31  
The word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Unless I See It Rev. Erin Yow

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Moment of Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Anthem Were You There? Arr. Steve Johnson

†Responsorial Hymn 94 Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
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!

Pastoral Prayer

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

†Hymn 610 We Know That Christ Is Raised ENGELBERG  
We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing:  
Alleluia!

†Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary Chorale Prelude on Ye Sons and Daughters of the King  
arr. Healey Willan

The Opening and closing voluntary is based on the last hymn, *We Know That Christ is Raised*. The hymn tune is ENGELBERG is used for hymn 68 and 610.

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.

The closing voluntary is offered as the final act of praise of God. Go forth as the music ends to continue praising the Lord with your life.