

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given  
by Ann and Charles Wilkins  
to the Glory of God  
and in memory of family members who are with the Lord.

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*  
Nick Bayne — *Acolyte*  
Noreen Elshaw — *Cross Bearer*  
Chancel Choir; Jubilee Handbells — *Musicians*  
Rev. Larry Harvey — *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 26, 2026  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming the Trinity

Opening Voluntary Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Michael Helman

† Hymn 193 Jesus! the Name High over All GRÄFENBERG  
Jesus! the name high over all, in hell or earth or sky;  
angels and mortals prostrate fall, and devils fear and fly.

Jesus! the name to sinners dear, the name to sinners given;  
it scatters all their guilty fear, it turns their hell to heaven.

O that the world might taste and see the riches of his grace!  
The arms of love that compass me would all the world embrace.

Thee I shall constantly proclaim, though earth and hell oppose;  
bold to confess thy glorious name before a world of foes.

His only righteousness I show, his saving truth proclaim;  
'tis all my business here below to cry, "Behold the Lamb!"

Happy, if with my latest breath I may but gasp his name,  
preach him to all and cry in death, "Behold, behold the Lamb!"

† 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.

†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

New Testament Lesson Acts 2:42-47  
The word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Seeing Signs and Wonders Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Reflection

Invitation to Offering

Anthem Love One Another Alan Bullard  
This commandment God gives to us all, That we love one another as he loves us,  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, Love the Lord your God with all your  
soul, Love the Lord your God with all your mind, Love the Lord your God with all  
your strength. This commandment God gives to us all, That we love one another as  
he loves us.

†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

### SENDING FORTH

†Hymn 308 Thine Be the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain*  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou e'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

†Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary Outbursts of Joy Cynthia Dobrinski

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.