

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Katy Manck, Worship Leader

PRELUDE *Spirit Song* Dr. William Holda

*UNITY HYMN (**stand as we are able*) AURELIA

**In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.
From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:
Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

**We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides,
and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as
it is in heaven. Amen.**

*HYMN – No. 103 UMH *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of all time and space,
You initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation...
Shape us into the people you have made us to be-
poured out in creative mercy
for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. **Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

(Let us offer each other signs of peace and reconciliation.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kate Day, Reader

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate:
Open our hearts and minds this day,
entice us with your presence.
Spark us with a word of life-
a message that we may share with others
as we seek to live Christ's love in the world.
All this we ask in the name of God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 384 UMH *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

*GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21

Reverend Stanley Larson

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*APOSTLES' CREED – No. 881 UMH

*HYMN – No. 110 UMH *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN'FESTE BURG

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER – No. 894 UMH

OFFERTORY

In gratitude and faith, we offer our gifts. Please place tithes and offerings in one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

*THE DOXOLOGY – No. 95 UMH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 128 UMH *He Leadeth Me; O Blessed Thought* BRADBURY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "A Mighty Fortress is our God"* EIN FESTE BURG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu on May 13th features Hamburger Steak, a side salad, dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 am on Monday. You may sign up on Sundays using the link in the e-newsletter or by contacting the church office at 903-758-4952.

One Love Snack Bags items are still needed for May 13 @ 1:30 pm: 1 tuna pouch; 2 fruit snacks. Thank you to all who continue to meet the small needs of our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Feeding the Firefighters theme this month is delightful desserts! Delivery dates are Mon. 5/18, Wed. 5/20, and Fri. 5/22 with 7 hungry firefighters in each crew. Please contact Rose Briggs (902.238.6463 rosebriggs07@gmail.com) or Katy Manck (903.918.1154 katyroo@gmail.com) to sign up or ask questions.

THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

*Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband, too, and he praises her:
Many women have done excellently
but you surpass them all. Proverbs 31:28-29*



St. Andrew

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