



Communion Sunday

May 4, 2025

Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey, Pastor



UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

United Methodist Church

ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL THE TIME.

As a diverse and inclusive faith community, we welcome and support all who desire to worship, study, commune and share life with us: including those of any race, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic position, for we believe that in God's house, all are welcome all the time.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. | January through May

PRAYER TIME

Weekly Prayer on Tuesdays at 6:00p via Zoom

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre -
 2. The Lord is nev - er far a-way, but through all grief dis -
 3. Thus, all my toil-some way a-long, I sing a-loud thy
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho-ly name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 tress - ing, an ev - er pres-ent help and stay, our peace and
 prais - es, that earth may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -
 glo - ry; let all who own his power pro-claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion. With heal-ing balm my soul is filled and
 joy and bless - ing. As with a moth-er's ten-der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, for

ev-ery faith-less mur-mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 soul and bod-y bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 Christ is Lord, and Christ a - lone: To God all praise and glo - ry.

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1864 (Dt. 32:3)
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566; harm. by Maurice F. Bell, 1906

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140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy
hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)
MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
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PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Bailey

STATEMENT OF FAITH Liturgist

The Apostles' Creed: Traditional Version | UMH 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY“*In Remembrance*”Red
David Hughes, tenor

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:18-25 NIV Dr. Bailey

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE SERIES:“*Questions People Ask -- Why Are You A Christian?*”
Dr. Bailey

GIVING BACK OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

**** Please complete & place Attendance Sheet in Plate ****

Offertory“*Crowned with Glory*”Zuschin
David Hughes, tenor

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Bailey

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Dr. Bailey

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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.

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.

EASTER SEASON.....BOW 66-67

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant of water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN** *“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”* UMH 452

* **BENEDICTION** Dr. Bailey

**** Please be Seated for the Postlude ****

ORGAN POSTLUDE *“A Mighty Fortress”* Albrecht

PARTICIPANTS & RESOURCES:

- **Liturgist:** Reander Howard
- **Music Ministry:** Lloyd “Max” Bunker, Director of Music and Organ
 - **Cantor and Soloist:** David Hughes, tenor
- **Tech Ministry:** Jeff Adamson, Audio | Ina Keys-Harris, Video
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* If you would like to be the Liturgist, please send an e-mail to vjackson@churchinthecircle.com

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1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to, my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold,

Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me
 faint - ing heart, my zeal in - spire! As thou hast
 round me spread, be thou my guide; bid dark - ness
 sul - len stream shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior,

while I pray, take all my guilt a - way,
 died for me, O may my love to thee
 turn to day, wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
 then in love, fear and dis - trust re - move;

O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

WORDS: Ray Palmer, 1875
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1831

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Happy Anniversary to ... Dave and Pamela AdamsonMay 1

Happy Birthday to ...

David Hughes.....May 2
Willa Hunter.....May 21

Beatrice ThompsonMay 31

PRAY ONE FOR THE OTHER | Please pray for and keep in contact with our homebound and remote members ...

David Cabbil
Frances Chappell
Maxine Greer

Willa Hunter
Doris Jeffries
Terri Leonard

Cindy Martinez
Christa Oksiloff
James & Barbara Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS and / or REMINDERS

***** AC 2025 Registration Closes May 16 *****

Annual Conference 2025 – June 12-14 | This year's Annual Conference will be hosted on the campus of the College of Wooster. The theme for the 56th Session of Annual Conference is *"Rise Up, Beloved: Trust in God's Promises"*. The services and sessions will be grounded in the words of Mark 5:35-43 (NIV).

AC 2025 Registration to Open April 1, Close May 16 | Lay and clergy members to Annual Conference and guests will be able to register for this year's session beginning on April 1. Again, this year, all registration will be online only, and each registrant will need their own e-mail address – one that isn't shared by anyone else who needs to register for this year's conference.

Lodging During Annual Conference 2025 | As in past years, registrants who will not commute to Annual Conference can choose to stay in one of the local hotels with discounted AC rates. New, this year, is the opportunity during online registration to pay to stay in a residence hall room on campus. Finalized details will be published in the March 17 E-News so that you can make your plans prior to the opening of registration on April 1.

Meals During Annual Conference 2025 | New, this year, to Annual Conference is the ability to pay during online registration to participate in the AC meal plan. Finalized details will be published in the March 17 E-News so that you can make your plans prior to the opening of registration on April 1.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Every **TUES** 6:00p ... Prayer in the Circle | Zoom ID 736 123 918
Dial (253) 215-8782 or <https://zoom.us/j/736123918>
- Every **SUN** 9:45a to 10:50a Adult Bible Study | Parlor
- 11:00a ... Worship Service | Sanctuary & Livestream
(Facebook | Dial (253) 215-8782 enter Zoom ID 853 0953 8368 with
PassCode 591396 | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85309538368>)
- SAT, May 10** 8:30a to 11:00a ... Volunteer Custodians
12:00p ... The Circle Chorale Rehearsal
- SUN, May 11** Mother's Day
- MON, May 12** 12:00p ... United Women in Faith Meeting | Reception Room
- SAT, May 24** 8:30a to 11:00a ... Volunteer Custodians
- MON, May 26** Church Office & Building Closed ... Memorial Day
- SAT, May 31** 12:00p ... The Circle Chorale Rehearsal
- June-July-Aug**..... 10:00a Worship Service | Sanctuary

CHURCH CONTACTS

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 Amanda Powell, Executive Director

***For more information about opportunities to become involved,
 please consult with the appropriate contact person shown above.***

MESSAGE NOTES

Series: Questions People Ask:
Message: Why Are You A Christian?
Scripture: Matthew 4:18-25
Preacher: Dr. Steve Bailey, Pastor

Notes: _____

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, May 11

Series: Questions People Ask:
Message: Why Care About Others?
Scripture: Luke 10:25-37
Activity: Happy Mother's Day
Eric Charnofsky, Accompanist
The Circle Chorale ... Michael Dixon, Director
Willie Howard, Liturgist



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