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**Bulletin – May 25, 2025**

**The Tree of Life**

**Believing Into Christ Worship Series**

**6th Sunday of Easter – Year C**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**



**\*\* P – Pastor    Bold – C: Congregation responds \*\***

P: In the beginning, the voice that whispered us into being  
still whispers, saying...

**C: Let there be light!**

P: In the wilderness, the voice that fed us from the heavens  
still feeds us. saying...

**C: Let there be light!**

P: In the story we share with this God of mystery and  
amazing love, the voice calls to us each and every  
morning, saying...

**C: Let there be light!**

**Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed    p. 881 UMH**

**\*\* All to recite in unison \*\***

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!

**The Gloria Patri** p. 70 UMH

*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, Amen.*

**Opening Hymn – Shall We Gather at the River** p. 723 UMH  
vv. 1, 2, & 4

**Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lords Prayer**

**Offering – Ushers come forward**

**Doxology** p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Old Testament Reading – Psalm 67:1-6 (NRSVue)**

**\*\* L: Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds \*\***

L: <sup>1</sup> God be gracious to us and bless us, *And* cause  
His face to shine upon us. *Selah*

C: <sup>2</sup> **That Your way may be known on the earth,**

## **Your salvation among all nations.**

P: <sup>3</sup> May the peoples praise You, God; May all the peoples praise You.

C: <sup>4</sup> **May the nations be glad and sing for joy;  
For You will judge the peoples with fairness  
And guide the nations on the earth. *Selah***

P: <sup>5</sup> May the peoples praise You, God; May all the peoples praise You.

C: <sup>6</sup> **The earth has yielded its produce; God, our  
God, blesses us.**

**Hymn** – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing p. 400 UMH

**New Testament Reading** – John 14:23-29 (NRSVue)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make *Our* dwelling with him. <sup>24</sup> The one who does not love Me does not follow My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me. <sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while remaining with you.

<sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful. <sup>28</sup> You heard that I said to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.

**Sermon** – The Tree of Life

**Closing Hymn:** Trust and Obey p. 467 UMH vv. 1, 2, 4

### **Benediction & Commission - Wesley Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!

### **Lectionary Readings for Holy Week beginning May 26th, 2025**

Psalm 97 | Acts 16:16-34 | Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 | John 17:20-26

### **Announcements**

- Memorial gifts have been given to the glory of God and in memory of Ruby Driver and Harvey Vaughn by Wanda Needham.
- The Administrative Board will meet June 10, 2025 at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

### Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

### Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Mack Edwards

Joanne Everhart

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

Amber Lambert

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Dawn Proctor

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Savannah Wooten

## May Birthdays

Susan McBride	1	Nicholas McBride	13
Melissa Seats	1	Hayden Potts	18
Ashley Perryman	5	Linda Southern	19
Johnny Disher	6	Kaye Lynne Parker	21
Frances Sisk	7	Natalie Gould	25
Connie Bolen	13	Melanie Perryman	26
Chelsea Manring	13	Wayne Bumgardner	31



# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER OUR  
FALLEN



*God Bless America*