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# MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

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(\* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

**PRELUDE:**

*“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*

*Arr Cindy Berry*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Christ, our cornerstone.

**Christ has called us here.**

Trust in God, our firm foundation.

**God is with us here.**

Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

**May the Spirit guide our way.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, you are our refuge and our strength, a mighty fortress in a world of chaos and turmoil. Protect us, but also encourage us to be brave. Strengthen us to face this world and to make it a better place. Inspire our worship, that in this time we may deepen our faith and place our trust in you.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN: 545

*“The Church's One Foundation”*

*vs 1-4*

### PRAYER OF YEARNING

**Mighty God, we want to be brave, but it's tempting to be small and afraid. Lift us up when we fall down. Protect us from our own doubts and fears. Shine your face upon us with mercy and grace, that we might find the courage and strength to be steadfast and faithful, loving and righteous. Be our strong foundation, so that we may grow up as your household, your family, and your people of justice, love, and mercy. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's faithful love is true, and God's strength is enough. Rest in God's love and trust in God's strength, for these gifts are all we need.

**Amen.**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Having received mercy and love from God, let's share mercy and love with one another—both now, as we share Christ's peace, and throughout the week ahead.

### **JOYFUL BELLS**

*"Thy Word"*

*Susan Geschke*

### **A READING FROM ACTS 7:55-60 (NIV)**

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

### **SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 31:1-5, 15-16 (NIV)**

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

**Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

**Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.**

Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God. My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

**Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.**

### **EPISTLE: I Peter 2:2-10 (NIV)**

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame."

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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### **\*GOSPEL: John 14:1-14 (NIV)**

The gospel according to John.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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### **REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD**

*Pastor Rob Odum*

### **HYMN: 3096**

*“Gentle Shepherd”*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of steadfast faithfulness and love, bless these gifts, that they may bring your message of faith and love to the world. Bless us also, that we may be steadfast and true in our giving and in our living. Build our church, build us, and build your world into a household of love and justice—the household you’ve envisioned since the beginning of time. In faith and trust, we pray.

**Amen.**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

*"I'll Fly Away"*

*By Albert E. Brumley*

**\*DOXOLOGY: 94**

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**\*AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

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. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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 by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

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."

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, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **SERVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Eternal God, as we have shared together of your body and your blood, remind us that we are called to share of ourselves with all who we might encounter. Help us to welcome the stranger, the outcast, the unloved and the forgotten. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: 370**

*"Victory in Jesus"*

*vs 1-3*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Even as God sends us into the world, Christ has prepared the way. Following Christ, we go to serve and love with faith and hope.

**Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

*"The Solid Rock"*

*Arr Mark Hayes*

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We would like to introduce you to a new MUMC committee:

**CHAOS**

**(Church Hospitality & Organizational Support)**

As this is a new committee, we are exploring our duties to how best support the church.

We do have some events planned:

**Sunday, May 17th:** Taco Sunday-

Cinco de Mayo

**Sunday, August 2nd:** Light refreshments

in the Chapel Lounge

**Sunday, September 20th:** Soup Bowl Sunday

with Café sponsored by-Ceramics Class

**October-Octoberfest:** Preliminary idea stages

If you have ideas or would like to participate with this committee, please contact me at

[greeneyesgerman@gmail.com](mailto:greeneyesgerman@gmail.com) so that I may forward

these thoughts to the committee. ~ Mary Schultz



May	Liturgists	Ushers
3rd	Carolyn Ettlle	Don Reid & Tom Rowe
10th	Lynn Sirna	Richard Gosetti
17th	John Hurley	Don Reid & Tom Rowe
24th	Connie Ziegler	Don Reid & Tom Rowe
31st	Jackson Lang	Don Reid & Tom Rowe

**Memorial UMC**

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Brad Weller, Xylia-Sophia Conn,

John Stoekl, Tom Rowe, Greg Ettlle

**Office Administrator:** Peggy Leonhardt

**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

Pastor Rob would like to have the coffee hours again in the Chapel Lounge after the church service. This would include having coffee and light refreshments available. Please consider assisting in this project. The following are the dates have been filled by volunteers:

Sunday, May 3rd (**volunteer needed**)

Sunday, May 10th (the Cartiers)

Sunday, May 17th (CHAOS taco Sunday)

Sunday, May 24th

(Cynthia Eicksteadt & Phil Gruntzel)

Sunday, May 31st (**volunteer needed**)

**Please sign up on the form on the pedestal in the chapel lounge. Thank you~~Mary Schultz**

**MONTHLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday, 9:15am

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Sunday, 10:30am

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**

Saturday 2/14 – Saturday 5/16

Confirmation classes will be held each Saturday from 9-10:30am.

**CONFIRMATION:** May 24th during the worship service.

**CERAMICS:** Mondays, 1-9pm

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm

**JOYFUL BELLS:** Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm

**KNITTING/CRCHETING GROUP:**

Wednesday May 13th &

Wednesday, May 27th from 1-3pm

**SASSY SOWERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, 10am-1pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY SUPPER:** on May 9th,

5pm at Benny's Café, 5354 S 27th St, Milwaukee, WI 53221

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday,

9am at Zebb's Family Restaurant, 2701 W Morgan Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53221

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday,

8:30am at Meyers, 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield, WI 53220

**YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2:** November 13-15th

**OKTOBERFEST PORTK DINNER:**

Saturday, October 24th