

2026
May 17

Children and families are welcome in the Grace Space at the front, during worship.

Children will be called forward during service for Young Disciples time then head to Children's Chapel, with our youngest (3 and under) escorted to the Nursery.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Listening devices and large print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.



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COMMUNITY
- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Gathering Music

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

On a hillside long ago the disciples gathered

To spend one last moment with Jesus

On a hillside long ago Jesus gave us all a mission

To be witnesses and servants of a greater love

On this day we hear and respond to live this mission out in our lives

As we strive to become a family of love, a community of song, a people of prayer.

***Hymn**

Day of Arising

W&S #3086

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, we come praying that the risen Christ will touch us with the holiness of this morning. Let your blessings pour over us and be felt as inward peace and a divine call. Bring forth in us confidence to speak your word, awareness to recognize you already at work in our world and courage to build your kingdom of peace. Lay your hands gently upon us and strengthen our faith to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Acts 1: 6-11
Carita Twinem

Special Music

Ascension Prayer
Chancel Choir

Thomas L. Keesecker

Grounded. Our feet are on the ground.

Open. Our eyes are open wide.

Why do we seek you in the sky?

Our work is here on earth.

Jesus. We long to be with Jesus.

Heaven. To heaven you ascend.

O Jesus, help us come to know:

Our work is here on earth.

For feeding the hungry, and helping the poor,

For welcoming strangers who knock on our door,

For justice and peace in this world torn apart,

For labor reflecting the love of your heart.

We're grounded. Our feet are on the ground.
Open. We're open to your will.
And with hearts, and hands, now send us forth:
Our work is here on earth.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24: 44-53
Pastor Tim O'Brien

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Young Disciples

Message Blessing at Bethany

***Hymn** *O Christ When You Ascended* W&S #3087, vs. 1, 3, 5

Prayers of the People
Sharing of our Joys and Concerns
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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* TFWS #2200

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an-swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

Special Music

Give Me Jesus
Chancel Choir

arr. Trevor Manor

The congregation is invited to sing with the choir as indicated.

Women: In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

(Refrain) Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus.

Men: And when I am alone,
Oh, and when I am alone,
And when I am alone,
Give me Jesus.

All: Refrain

Choir only: And when I come to die,
Give me Jesus. [Refrain]

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Robert Jackson

*Offering Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of the Open Way, we dedicate these offerings to the work of extending the reach of your compassion. As Jesus departed to be present everywhere, may our gifts transcend our own comfort to meet the needs of the marginalized and the seeker alike. Grant us the courage to be a community of great joy—not a closed room, but an open sanctuary. Use these gifts to foster a world where your love is known as an ever-expanding embrace, calling us all into a future of justice and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

I'll Fly Away

TFWS #2282

*Blessing & Sending Forth

The wider service now begins. We are called by name and sent
to walk pathways of gentleness
to put God's words into loving action.

**To live with hearts full of compassion and generosity and see Jesus in
the people we meet**

Let us go as a people of peace into the world. Amen

Amen

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments at The Connection.

***Blessing Response** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

UMH #302, vs. 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

***Postlude**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Robert Williams



Jungle Crew Workdays
Help Us Build the Rainforest

A huge thank you to everyone who showed up for our first Jungle Crew Workday—what a way to kick things off (or jump back in!) after all these years of VBS. The energy was incredible, and yes... we officially conquered all the leaves.

We've got more coming—help us keep the momentum going:
TODAY: (after worship): Bring your scissors—we're diving into creation cutouts.

June 7: Bring your craftiest self! Jungle flowers and butterflies await. 🦋
June 17: Pizza + paint night! We'll tackle vines, rocks, trees (oh my!), and start the waterfall. 🍕 🎨

Pizza is provided on June 17—just wear clothes you don't mind getting messy. Got leftover "jungle-ish" paint? Give the office a call—we'll take it off your hands.

Let's keep building this jungle together. 🌿



Have you been visiting Community UMC, thinking about membership, or just have questions about our church or the United Methodist faith? Join Pastor Tim on May 17 after worship in the library (10:45am) Bring your questions, curiosities, and whatever's on your mind.

WE ARE SO EXCITED!!

Get out your calendar and save Sunday, JULY 26 following worship for a baby shower hosted by the Intergeneration Team!

Who is this for, you may ask? For Danielle and Tyler's baby, of course, but that's not all! We will be giving a CUMC gift to Danielle and Tyler (more on that in June), but we want to share the joy of their blessed event with others.



On our tour of the Hope Center we visited their layette room for new mothers, and we thought – "What a perfect opportunity!" They have a list of items from which they fill a bag which is given to a mother in need. In the June Welcome Word, we will provide you with a specific list of items for the Hope Center layette room. We will collect these baby items on JULY 26 at the shower, and then deliver them to the Hope Center.

JULY 26 will be a day of celebration and giving – and, yes, there will be cake and punch!

Volunteer Opportunities



Baked Goods

Clothing Sort

Volunteer Sign Up in Revelation Room or Call the Church Office



WASHINGTON PARK
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FOOD PANTRY
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MAY NEEDS

Hygiene: toilet paper, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, individually wrapped toothbrushes

Protein: canned meat (chicken, tuna, salmon), canned beans, and peanut butter

Extras: flour, sugar, cooking oil, condiments, pasta sauce, and snacks

Lunch: canned soup, mac 'n' cheese, Rice-A-Roni, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, and canned fruit



More hands make lighter work — and teams work best when we serve together! Community UMC is looking for a few additional volunteers to help support Sunday morning tech ministry, including sound, livestreaming, and slides. If you've ever wondered how the tech side of worship works, or would like to learn more about serving behind the scenes, we'd love to have you join the team. We are especially looking for help on Sunday, June 21, as we need additional tech support that morning. No experience is needed — just a willingness to learn and be part of the team. Interested? Call the church office!

 **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**ARE YOU HURTING?
GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME?**

LET US CONNECT YOU TO A STEPHEN MINISTER

**For more information or to
connect with a Stephen
Minister Call; Sandy Dykstra
at 414.803.4124 or
Tom Raley at 608.215.0276**

Second Quarter Mission Partner is SOPHIA, a WISDOM partner organization. SOPHIA brings together faith communities across Waukesha County to advocate for justice, equity, and dignity for all, working toward a compassionate community where every person has the opportunity to thrive.



DONATE 

Monday – May 18th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – May 19th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellness Center
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – May 20th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room

Thursday – May 21st

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- OWLS Trip – 9:00am – Gather in Parking Lot
- Floor Yoga – 10:00am – Wellness Center
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – May 22nd – Pastor Tim's Sabbath

Saturday – May 23rd

- Tai Chi Workshops - 9:00am – Fellowship Hall

Sunday – May 24th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Rev Room
- Journey – 10:45am – Disciple Room

**Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering:
SOPHIA**

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 05.24.26

Front Door: Darrel White

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Dianna Haugh

Ushers: Darrel White, Tom Raley, Anne Harberg, Dianne White

Connection: Judy Down

Liturgist: Sandy Retherford

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson;
Christian Fuller; Sheryl Cavan;
Candace Kral; Tom Raley
Jeff Turmel; Tom Connor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Timothy O'Brien
Chriss Stump – Office Manager
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director
Sarah Kwon - Organist/Pianist
Jim Ausprung - Maintenance
Tracey Magyar – MDO Director
Amanda Glassman – MDO Asst Director

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Friday: 8:00am 2:00pm

Community United Methodist Church is building a community of people who love God and neighbor through a focus on Intergenerational Community Service and Overall Health and Wellbeing