

Wide Circle Worship



An interactive, inclusive and welcoming liturgical worship experience for all ages.

University United Methodist Church

May 3, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Please sign our pew pad or [online attendance pad](#) and visit the [announcements page](#) for more information about upcoming events! If you are unfamiliar with accessing our announcements online, please call the church office to get connected.

GATHERING

Words of Welcome



*Call to Worship



Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful. **Gather us in!**
Gather us in, the fearful and the brave. **Gather us in!**
Gather us in, to sing of God's works. **Gather us in!**
Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ. **Gather us in!**
Gather us in, to worship and wonder. **Gather us in!**
Gather us in, to know of God's love. **Gather us in!**

*Hymn 192



"There's a Spirit in the Air"

***Opening Prayer**



In Unison

God of generosity, today we remember the compassion of Jesus Christ, who saw the needs of a hungry crowd and responded with grace. Help us to be channels of your love and peace by sharing what we have with those in need. Teach us to trust that you will give us what we need. Help us to understand that even the smallest gifts can be multiplied in your hands. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**



Hymn 71

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.

PROCLAMATION

***Prayer for Illumination**



In Unison

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**



John 6:1-13

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(You are invited to move or stand if you need a better view.)

The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Jubilee and Cherub Choirs Present

RESPONSE

Generosity Moment



Responsively

God is Good. All the time. And all the time. God is Good.

Presentation of Our Gifts and God's Tithes: You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting "UniversityUMC" to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions, or through UniversityUMC.church.

Offertory Music



"Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2"

Johannes Brahms

Piano ~ James Rice

(You are invited to move in response to the music or to get a better view.)

***Doxology**

Hymn 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Invitation to the Table**, Hymnal, p. 12

***Confession and Pardon**



Responsively

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.

All pray in silence.

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!

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Glory to God. Amen.

(Children are invited to gather around the Communion Table.)

***The Great Thanksgiving**, Hymnal p. 17



Responsively

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. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... 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.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

♪ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

♪ **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer**



(You are invited to use the Lord's Prayer with pictures as a guide.)

***The Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup**




The Giving

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

In the United Methodist tradition, the Table is open to all who desire the Sacrament, including children. You may stand or kneel at the chancel rail in prayer as long as you wish. We invite you to consider leaving an offering to support neighbors in need. We use bread from Wegmans and Welch's grape juice. [Visit our website for allergen information.](#)

 *Gluten-free wafers and a dedicated chalice are available upon request at the station just left of the center aisle. Wafers are free of gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn.*

Communion Music



"Reckless Love"
Violin ~ Kelsey Mueller

C. Culver, C. Asbury, R. Jackson

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(You are invited to move in response to the music or to get a better view.)

Prayer after Communion



SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ or a member of University United Methodist Church, or would like for someone to pray with you, we invite you to please come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.

*Hymn 2153



"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

from *The Faith We Sing*

*Benediction



(You are invited to pass the peace using ASL signs.)

*Postlude



"Ode to Joy"

Ludwig van Beethoven

How to Participate:

We are all held by this liturgy, together as one community.

You may speak the words in **bold**, if speaking is available to you.

You may sing the words of the hymns, if singing is available to you.

When you see an asterisk (*), you may stand, if standing is available to you.

Flowers



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nick Skolsky by Steve, Susan, Sara and Steven Skolsky.

Ministerial Staff & Those Serving Today

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Wide Circle Worship Planning Team

All are welcome to join Wide Circle Worship the first Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

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A Musical by Tom Long and Allen Pot

Presented by the Jubilee and Cherub Choirs

Directed by Rebecca Dyck, with assistance from Caitlin Campbell

Piano ~ James Rice, Flute ~ Sarah Cooley

The story of Jesus feeding five thousand people is told in all four Gospels. The writers must have recognized the significance of this moment, when a child offers what he has, and Jesus uses that gift. The story contains both a miracle and a message about how Jesus wanted his followers to act. We are all called to do small things, with great love. We do what we can for God, and love multiplies!

TABLE FOR FIVE...THOUSAND!

My Boat is Small

Jesus is Coming

Come If You're Weary

One Road

Excuses

Be As Humble as a Child

The Miracle

Bread of Life

Small Things

Jubilee and Cherub Choirs

Adeline Austin
Cedar Berinson (Disciple Peter)
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Boden Brown
Hanalei Brown (Crowd Voice)
Keri Campbell (Zacchaeus)
Grace Charrison (Disciple Andrew)
Charlotte Dockham (Sibling)
Charlie Filer (Crowd Voice)
Michael Fox
Clara Gebhart
Frannie Gebhart (Disciple John)
Annaliese Hastings (Disciple James)
Liam Kaufmann
Noah Kaufmann
Eliza Pendergrass (Narrator 2)

Max Pendergrass
Ellie Psioda (Benjamin)
Michael Psioda (David)
Ainara Rice (Miriam)
Cailan Rice
Noah Shveyd
Benjamin Tarrant (Goliath)
Jack Tarrant
Ivy Thomas
Maggie Thomas
Seth Thomas (Crowd Voice)
Caleb Tilley
Lucy True (Narrator 1)
Laney Wehmann
Phoebe Whanger
Sydney Belle White
Ava Wilfley (Mary)
Judy Zhu

To remember and honor the beautiful but too-short life of their granddaughter Virginia Whitehurst, Jim and Judy Wilson established an endowment for children's ministry and the children's music ministry at University UMC. On behalf of all the children in the Jubilee and Cherub Choirs, and the whole church, thank you Judy and Jim for this generous gift.

