

**Welcome!**



*We are  
honored  
that you chose  
to worship with  
us today!*

## **OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

13575 OLIVET ROAD  
LUSBY, MARYLAND 20657



### **Resurrection Sunday**

**April 5, 2026**

**9:30 am Worship Experience**

#### **OUR MISSION**

Rejoice In Jesus,  
Grow Our Faith,  
Pass It On!

#### **OUR VISION**

*We Are Passionate  
Christians Making  
Disciples of Jesus Christ*

#### **OUR 3 RULES**

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

**Rev. Dr. Edward C. Andercheck, Pastor**

❖ Order of Worship ❖

April 5, 2026

We Gather

Congregational Announcements.....Liturgist

Opening Prayer .....Liturgist

Silent Prayer.....Congregation

Processional

We Worship

*“Celebrate Jesus”*

Introit

Welcome.....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

\*Call to Worship.....Liturgist

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away,

**People: And new life has come forth!**

Leader: Darkness has been overcome,

**People: The light of Christ shines forever!**

Leader: Come, let us rejoice and worship,

**People: With hearts full of joy and praise!**

**All: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen!**

\*Hymn of Praise      *“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”*      UMH 302

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Anthem      *“Alleluia, Christ is Risen”*      Choir

**Prayer for the illumination of Scripture (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.*

Scripture Reading .....Liturgist

\*Sermon Hymn      *“The Day of Resurrection”*      UMH 303

Sermon .....Pastor Edward C. Andercheck

Meditative Response      *“Risen”*

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)      UMH #895

**HOLY COMMUNION**

\*Doxology (in unison)

*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.*

\*Sending Forth Hymn      *“He Lives”*      UMH 310

\*Benediction & Blessing (in unison)

*The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.  
(Numbers 6:24-26)*

\*Please stand in posture, sign, or heart.

**Old Testament  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
(NRSVUE)**

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; <sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.” <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**New Testament  
Colossians 3:1-4 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Let us pray: Lord, bless all who are here today, and all those on Zoom. May we spend the next few moments in silent prayer and personal reflection as we prepare ourselves to hear your message. May peace be within each one of us. Amen.



**RIPPLE CENTR MINISTRY NEEDS  
YOUR SUPPORT!!**

**Please see Pastor Andercheck  
if you desire to serve as a  
Ripple Center minister**

**Pastor Andercheck** will host a discussion on “**Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**” Wed. April 8, 2026 @ 5:30 pm in the GNC. You can obtain a copy of the book in the GNC. Please remember to sign-up if you are attending. Sign-up sheets are in the Church and GNC



Pastor Andercheck will be teaching a six-week study beginning **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, featuring “**Never Alone**” written by acclaimed author Max Lucado. You can reserve your copy of the book on the sign-up sheets located in the Church and the GNC.

Donation: \$16



**RIPPLE CENTER LUNCHEON  
THURSDAY APRIL 30  
MORE DETAILS FORTHCOMING**

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

SUMMER **VBS** IS COMING !!!!



**Tues., April 7 6:00 pm**  
Flying Needles @ Olivet United Methodist Church

**Thurs., April 9 10:30 am**  
Ripple Center Ministry  
24400 Mervell Dean Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636

**Sat., April 11 7:00 am**  
AA meeting @ Olivet UMC. For more information,  
call 800-492-0209



**Grocery** gift cards can be purchased in the office Tuesday– Thursday, 10am – 2pm. For each \$100.00 card purchased, the church receives \$5.00.

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**Zoom Connections**

**Video:** ID: 216-168-3604, PW: 181188

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**All appointments with Pastor Andercheck can be  
scheduled through the Church Office**

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**Baltimore Washington Conference  
of the United Methodist Church**

**Bishop LaTrelle Easterling,**

Resident Bishop

**Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman,**

District Superintendent, Two Rivers District<sup>3</sup>

# PRAYING TOGETHER

If you become aware of one of our members/regular attendees in the hospital or in need of immediate prayer, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Edward C. Andercheck. You can send prayer requests to [olivatumcoffice@comcast.net](mailto:olivatumcoffice@comcast.net). We truly believe in the power of prayer; therefore, pray continually so that others will see the power of the Almighty God. *"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results"*. (James 5:16, NLT)

## The Gospel

### John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.



Rejoicing  
Growing  
Giving

**Jesus said "...It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35**

Please consider a sacrificial gift Today.

### LOVE THROUGH GIVING

#### Olivet Stewardship: Love in Action

Approved Budget	\$217,207.80
Monthly Income Needed	\$18,100.58
March Giving Total	\$19,541.55



#### On-Line Giving

<https://www.olivetumc-lusby.org/give>

Olivet UMC Giving  
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## Pastor's Corner

### Rejoice In God

It is a great gift to have a powerful connection between God and our Soul. God's energy and God's Spirit are infinite and 100% pure. Hence, when we give from that reservoir, we give goodness, and our own stability is transferred into the world.

On his dying bed St. Francis taught his friars who surrounded him that the flow out from our heart is the stability of our soul, not the feedback in from someone else's response. All too frequently we let the waves of external sources impact our spirit and limit our internal spiritual stability. We need to talk to God.

Let us Rejoice in the gifts of God, let us share the one stable source that lives eternally. The union of God and our Soul is that stable source from which we must derive the essence of a joyful life. All that we need can be drawn from the inside; our spiritual peace can be shared by giving from our soul, not deflated by depending on someone else's responses.

Pray more - worry Less.