



April 12, 2026

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow
Jesus Christ.

Holy Humor Sunday

Prelude

Remembering our Baptism

***Call to Worship**

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

We live, we love, we laugh because we are like Him

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - He is our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is
rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation.

***Hymn I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy**

Jokes

***Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH 89**

First Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9 CEB

Word for Children

Jokes

Second Lesson John 20:19-23 CEB

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you."²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Message for the Lord's Day

Youth Group

***Response to the Word Gloria Patri UMH 70**

**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.**

***Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer.
After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...
for those who are suffering...
for those who don't know where their next meal will come
from and those who are looking for shelter from the cold...
for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,
and others in harm's way...
for the earth you have given to our care...
for the Church universal; its leaders, its members,
and mission...

for the communion of saints...
for peace and goodwill to all...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, let Your holy name be known, let Your kingdom come, and Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today the bread that we need, and forgive us our wrongs, and OK fine, we'll forgive those who have done wrong to us, too.

Do not lead us into trial, but save us from evil. For we want for You alone to rule in our hearts. You have power to transform, and in the light of Your smile is Your glory. Amen.

Mission And Ministry Moment

Jokes

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you God, for the joy you have given us which bubbles over into laughter and fun! Thank you for renewing our joy. We pray that you will use these, our gifts, to bring joy to all the world. We pray in the name of the risen Lord, Amen.

***Hymn**

Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord

***Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.**