

Evangelical United Methodist Church
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May 10, 2026 10:15 AM Service
6th Sunday of Easter/Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day
Bold & italicized print, unison * *Please stand as able*
UMH, *United Methodist Hymnal* TFWS, *The Faith We Sing*
W&S *Worship & Song*

Gathering to Praise God

Announcements

Worship Video

*Directing Our Attention Toward God "Majesty" UMH 176
(verse one)

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, it is your pleasure to give us your Spirit, to give us your grace, to give us your whole Realm. Open our hearts so that we may always be ready to receive and to share your blessings. We pray in the name of Jesus, fountain of your grace. **Amen.**

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*Hymn of Praise "In the Garden" UMH 314

Litany for Mother's Day

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit. We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

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Joys and concerns

We will pass around the microphone. Please remember we are livestreaming the service. Consider not using last names and please do not share concerns that a person would not want widely known. If you would like to add a joy or concern to our "Compassion for the Brethren" list please call our office at (717)944-6181, email the office at office@eumch.org, or fill out a prayer card and drop it in an offering plate.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Chorus "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191
(verse three)

Choir Anthem "Stand Up!" Mary McDonald