

*"And if I go
and prepare a place for you,
I will come again
and will take you to myself,*



*so that where I am,
there you may be also."*

John 14:3, NRSV

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 3rd, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Rev. Mark Gabbard
Liturgist—Julie Martin
Music Director: Kay Boyne / Guitar: David Blackburn



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE	“Ave Maria”	(Bach)
INTROIT	“Spirit of God”	(Jacobs)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

You are cause for rejoicing, O God, and the source of our gladness. You know what afflicts us; you can sense our distress. You remove whatever net will ensnare us; you give our feet firm places to stand. In Christ you have brought us deliverance. For all your mercies we praise your name and worship you now as our refuge and strength. Amen.

✦ HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling “ #648

✦ A LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Come to Christ, the living stone, chosen and precious in God’s sight.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s chosen people.

Like living stones, we built yourselves into a spiritual house.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s chosen people.

Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The Prayers of the People

OFFERTORY "Communion" (Rousseau)

✦ DOXOLOGY "We Give Thee but Thine Own" #816
***We give thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.***

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, O God, may we find in him the source of our strength. As we carry gifts to you, empower our hands to lift others to Christ. As we offer our praise, place on our lips the good news of your love. As we hear your word spoken, lead us to new wisdom to impart the truth of the gospel; your people are free! Accept all that we do in the name of the Christ who makes all things new. Amen.

✦ HYMN "Standing on the Promises" #410

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE "Make A Joyful Noise" (Nordman)

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you. Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you are here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence. Persons interested in more information about the First United Presbyterian Church, or in joining this congregation, are invited to fill out a 'Welcome' card found in the pews, or to call the church office. Please be sure to sign our Guest Book near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ⌘ Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM
The nursery is available for your use during the worship service.
- ⌘ A Celtic cross (⌘) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.
- ⌘ **Bold** indicates congregation participation.
- ⌘ If you need the Pastor after office hours, please call the church and leave a message on the Pastor's voicemail. If you call during office hours and he is not available, the staff may be able to provide his cell #.
- ⌘ Pre-service refreshments are available each Sunday in the Westminster Room.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Hearing assistance devices are available. If you would like to use a receiver, please ask an Usher for assistance.



***The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit***

***We ask that you remember these people in your prayers
throughout the coming week:***



Charlie and Audrey Zane, Jennie McCain, Leitha Vollick,
Marge Simpkins, Geraldine Carnahan,
Ronan Mouw, Dr. Pat Newhouse,
all those who are sick, all those who are traveling,
all missionaries, and all members of the
U.S. Armed Forces.

***Please keep us up to date on your prayer request.
Unless we are informed otherwise, names are listed for 2 weeks.***

FUPC Meetings/Groups—standard gathering times / or as noted.

Choir Practice—Every Wednesday at 5:30pm / Every Sunday at 9:15am

Circle 3—2nd Thursday at 9:30am (WR)

Deacons—2nd Sunday at 11:15am (WR)

Men's Study Group—Every Friday at 9:00am (WR)

Presbyterian Women—3rd Tuesday at Noon (SH)

Session—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (WR)

Textile Social Group—1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am (SH)

Trustees—3rd Monday at 5:30pm (LB)

Women's Bible Study -- 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am (WR)

Minister: Rev. Mark D. Gabbard / pastor@soopresbyterian.org

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Brenda Ransom

Clerk of Session: Julie Walsh

President of Trustees: Ron Meister

Chairman of Deacons: Jeanne Shibley

Music Director/Organist: Kay Boyne / *Guitarist: David Blackburn*

Administrative Assistant: Maria Price / office@soopresbyterian.org

Sexton: Jason Fuller

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Pastor's Office Hours: 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday-Friday

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SOUP & SANDWICH will be held after today's service in the Social Hall. Today's Soup & Sandwich is hosted by the Trustees and all are welcome.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY will be held on May 17th. Please have your Senior's information turned into the office **no later than Monday, May 11th**.

TEXTILE SOCIAL GROUP has resumed meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 A.M. in the Social Hall.

PW NEWS: Plans are underway for the "Welcome Summer" luncheon that will be at noon, June 16th, in the Social Hall. There will be speakers from Community Action, and we have a fun craft planned. Our annual rummage sale will be held on August 1st and plans are underway. Vacation Bible School is being held at our church this year, and we will be serving lunch to the attendees and volunteers on their last day. We have received a donation of a brass candelabra from the Deuman family. It is available should anyone like to borrow it for an event. Contact Jess or Alegria if you would like to use it.

THE JUNE CHIMES submission deadline is May 15th.

SPRING CLEANUP at Presbytery Point Camp is set for May 29 – 31.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD June 29th through July 2nd and hosted here by FUPC. This year's theme is "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God". Registration forms will be in the Narthex and the office and will be available soon.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY'S Monthly Mission Project for May is to collect gift cards to assist Presbytery Point Camp. These money cards will be used to purchase supplies and activities for campers and volunteers. Monetary gifts are also appreciated. Ideas for gift cards include Meijer, Walmart, Gordon Foods, Dunham's, Visa, Mastercard, etc. Cards may be left in the Narthex lock box or in the office during office hours.

*TOTAL OFFERING FOR APRIL:	\$11,448.60
*CHURCH EXPENSES FOR APRIL:	\$15,033.41
*SUNDAY ATTENDANCE TOTAL FOR APRIL:	327

Friendly Reminders

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 7th: National Day of Prayer

May 10th: Mother's Day

May 11th: Graduate Recognition information due

May 15th: June Chimes submission deadline

May 17th: Graduate Recognition Sunday / Cookies & Coffee

This Week At A Glance

SUNDAY 5/3

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)

9:15am - Choir Practice (S)

10:00am - Worship Service (S)

10:15am – Sunday School

***Communion**

***Soup & Sandwich**

MONDAY 5/4

7:00pm - Scout Troop #105 (SH)

TUESDAY 5/5

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

WEDNESDAY 5/6

9:30am – Women's Bible Study (WR)

5:30pm – Choir (S)

THURSDAY 5/7

9:30am – Textile Social (SH)

FRIDAY 5/8

9:00am – Men's Study Group (WR)

SATURDAY 5/9

7:00pm - AA

SUNDAY 5/10

9:00am - Coffee Hour (WR)

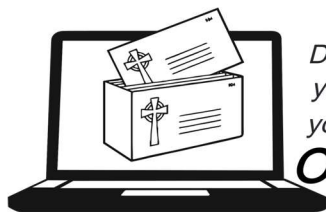
9:15am - Choir Practice (S)

10:00am - Worship Service (S)

10:15am – Sunday School

***11:15am – Deacons Meeting (L)**

***Happy Mother's Day!**



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your offerings*

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