



North Liberty First

A United Methodist Community of Faith

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

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.

Prelude	Be Strong	Grace Notes
Remembering our Baptism		Tina Hernandez

*Call to Worship

Come all God's people! Let us gather to praise our Mighty God!

With joy we celebrate and give thanks for God's faithfulness.

Come all God's people! Let us gather to sing
to our Glorious God!

**With joy, and with all creation, we celebrate
the powers of our King.**

Come all God's people! Let us gather to worship
and honor God!

**With joy we celebrate the wonderful deeds of our God and King, and in reverent awe, we bow in
worship and praise of our God.**

Amen.

*Hymn	I Love to Tell the Story	UMH 156
*Hymn	Stand By Me	UMH 348
First Lesson	1 Corinthians 12:4-13	CEB

There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

Word for Children

Second Lesson	Acts 1:1-14	CEB
Message for the Lord's Day	Reverend Deborah Coble	
*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 Pass It On UMH 572**

Prayers of the People

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...
for those who suffer and those in trouble...
for the concerns of this local community...
for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...
for the earth you have given to our care...
for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, and mission...
in communion of saints...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Recognizing Our Graduates

Rylee Corbett
Peyten Eide
AJ Flynn
Kinley Jones
Paige Lambi
Maya Sojka
Jess Steburg
Davina Hernandez Zudell – College Graduate

Mission and Ministry Moment

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**

Blessing God of Presence, even as Christ ascended, you did not leave us alone. While he was blessing them, you were preparing us to carry the story forward, to be your witnesses, to live in hope and power. In this sacred act of giving, we return a portion of what you have entrusted to us.

May these gifts be a blessing to others, as Christ has been to us. Clothe us with courage. Remind us that your Spirit goes with us. And send us, renewed and ready, to be your church in the world. Amen.

***Hymn What A Friend We Have In Jesus UMH 526**

***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.