

presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

Sermon

"Unity Within Diversity"

Rev. Nici Masters

Hymn

"I Am Thine, O Lord" v 1,3,4

UMH 419

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

"This Is My Father's World"

Doxology

UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

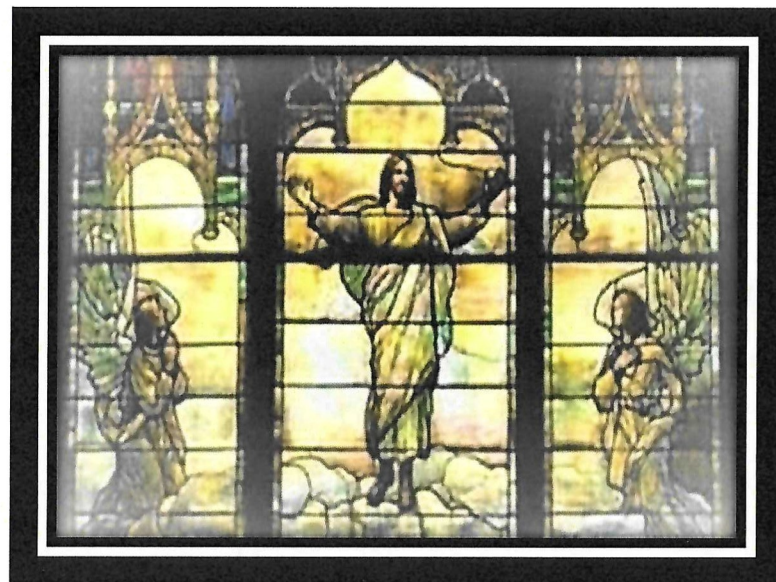
Passing the Peace

Hymn

"Pass It On"

UMH 572

Benediction



**GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

MAY 24, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor

Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle

Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman

May Head Usher – David Nuzum

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen

Haeden and Kenslie Futton

Nora Rae Huffman

The Celebration of Worship

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude

"Jesus Loves Me"

Bev Slagle

*Call to Worship

L: Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

All: We come ready to receive what God has to give.

L: Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples, we receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration. Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,

All: We receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom.

L: As the life-giving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

All: We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the Body of Christ. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Open Your Hand to Us, O God.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made then all. Open your hand to us, O God, giver of good things. Do not hide your face from us. Should you remove your Spirit from us, we shall surely return to the dust. Send forth your Spirit in this worship service today and let us be re-created. Renew us, O God, with your spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Chat

Christy Miller

Hymn

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

UMH 172

Scripture Reading

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him. 2 May you blow them away like smoke – as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God. 3 But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. 4 Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him – his name is the Lord. 5 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. 6 God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. 7 When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, 8 the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. 9 You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance. 10 Your people settled in it and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, 33 to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice. 34 Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens. 35 You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

Sermon Scripture

John 17:1-11

1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed. "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now Father, glorify me in your

PRAYER REQUESTS

Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Carol Hall, Ezra Hall, Lisa Kerns, Jeff Kerns
Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Sally Morrison, Dan Ross, Madalee Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 24 – Prayer Team Meeting
May 25 – Memorial Day – Office Closed
June 7 – Birthday Celebration

MAY ATTENDANCE

May 3 – 75
May 10 – 100
May 17 – 73
May 24 -
May 31 -

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS

Anyone who would like to sing for the cantata is invited to attend
rehearsals each Wednesday evening at 6pm.

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bags
Items for May – peanut butter/jelly
Items for June – peanut butter

Attention Graduating Students

If you are a member of Gateway United Methodist Church and you are a graduating student or the parent or grandparent of a student who is graduating, please complete the following information and place in the offering plate or send to gateway umc@gmail.com.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____ Cell _____
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Birthdate: _____
Parent/Grandparent(s) _____
School Attending _____
Anticipated Date of Graduation _____
Deadline Date _May 31st _____