

May 04, 2025

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude	Handbell Choir
"Easter Tide Peal"	John Leavitt

****Call to Worship**

Rejoice in the Lord.

Praise God's holy name.

Worthy is the Lamb of our praise.

Worthy is the righteous one of blessing, honor, and glory.

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**Opening Hymn	"I Come With Joy"	(v.1-3) UMH #617
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Opening Prayer (unison)

God of love, we bring our very selves to worship. Our triumphs. Our failures. Our vulnerabilities. Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows. In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn	"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"	UMH #544
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Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering/Offertory	Carol Stewart
"O How I Love Jesus"	Traditional
"I Love You, Lord"	Laurie Klein

****Doxology**

UMH #95

****Prayer of Dedication**

Risen Lord, receive these gifts from our hands this day. For you rescue us from ourselves and free us to love others, as you have loved us. After a long slumber in ignorance and fear, we offer you our gratitude for the joy that comes in the morning. Accept this offering, as a sign of our commitment to follow you and participate in your ministry to all the world. Amen.

**Gospel Reading	John 21:1-19
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Ministry of Music	Handbell Choir
"This Little Light of Mine"	arr. by John A. Behnke

Sermon	"Following the Risen Lord"	Pastor Jeff Bandy
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Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Closing Hymn	"Jesus Shall Reign"	(v.1,2,4) UMH #157
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****Sending Forth**

Postlude	Carol Stewart
"Dona Nobis Pacem"	arr. by John A. Behnke

Gospel Reading – John 21:1-19 (NIV)

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

21 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?"

He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

May 04, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Micah Fleming, Mike Tittle, Butch Smith
Greeters	Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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