

# Graduation Sunday

## April 26, 2026

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

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "Sing Praise" Carol Stewart  
arr. by Marilynn Ham

\*\*Call to Worship

As we gather today, we face a choice.

**We have said that God is our choice.**

We have said that in Christ's presence there is always joy.

**We have said that the Holy Spirit is our truest guide.**

Now we must ask, "Do we mean it?"

**With confidence, let us explore just how good God is.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Shout to the Lord" repeat 1x (see insert)

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Lord hear us as we call on your name! Give us courage to answer Jesus' call to be at his right hand, for in him, there are pleasures forevermore. Let our praise ring up to you and never cease! As we join in worship, may your matchless name be lifted high. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "This Is the Day" UMH #657

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

"The Joy of the Lord"

Carol Stewart  
unknown

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Shepherd of our souls, we thank you for the love that flows through our lives. May this love flow through these gifts, that no one may be in need. Work through this offering and through our very lives, that your community of love may be established here on earth for all the sheep of your fold. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Ministry of Music

Chancel Choir  
"Dona Nobis Pacem" arr. by Patrick M. Liebergen

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

Sermon

"Shout for Joy" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Honoring Our Graduates:

Ciara Horney, Will Mossing

\*\*Closing Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH #684

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

"Happiness Is the Lord"  
Carol Stewart  
Ira F. Stanphil



*Altar Flowers are given by Sandy Pramer  
in memory of many loved ones.*

## Gospel Reading – Psalm 100 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.



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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.

## Graduation Sunday April 26, 2026 - Worship Team

Ushers	Chad Mossing, Rick Smith, Gerald Mahan, Jim Osburn
Greeters	Ciara Horney, Will Mossing
Liturgists	Will Mossing, Micah Fleming
Organist	Carol Stewart
Director of Music	Teri Gray
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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Tuesday 28	Walking Tuesday Bible Study	9:00 am 10:00 am	FCC Parlor
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Thursday 30	Walking Private Event Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball Practice	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	FCC Library Parlor FCC
Friday 1			
Saturday 2			
Sunday 3	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 11, 15C, 16A, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

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**MAY IS NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH:** A stroke occurs every 40 seconds and yet up to 80% of strokes can be prevented. This is why we are hosting Life Line Screening on **Monday, May 4, 9:00am-5:00pm in FCC**. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-324-9458 promo code **HABC001** or go to [www.LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](http://www.LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC) or text the word **CIRCLE** to 216-279-1607. Pre-registration is required. Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. Many events also offer a bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk (appropriate for both men and women) and blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests.

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