

**Third Sunday of Easter
Service of Word
April 19, 2026 at 11:00am**

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Rescue the Perishing” arr. Cook

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

“Alleluia” arr. Glover

The Opening Prayer

**The Hymn of Praise*

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” No. 317 (vs. 1, 4, 5)

The Children’s Moments

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

**Congregational Hymn*

“My Tribute” No. 99

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Cook

**The Doxology*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**The Prayer for Illumination*

see insert

**The Gospel Lesson*

Luke 24:25-35

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Come, Be Fed” Schram and Staggers

The Sermon

“The Lord’s Supper: Broken Bread; Open Eyes”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

**The Hymn of Response*

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” No. 349 (2 times)

**The Apostles’ Creed*

No. 881

**The Gloria Patri*

SENDING FORTH

**The Hymn of Invitation*

“Fill My Cup, Lord” No. 641 (2 times)

**The Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**The Choral Benediction*

“Hallelujah Chorus” Handel

**Postlude*

“Draw Me Nearer” arr. Cook

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory
of Robert Keith Eckland
by his family.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Trip Interest Meeting – TODAY – If you are interested in an upcoming mission trip planned for March 2027, please attend the meeting today after church in the library.

Judy Shirley Circle – The Judy Shirley Circle will meet Monday, April 20, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Jane Caston, Gloria Bunnell and Beth Raines. The members will complete cards for the College Connection and have a short devotion.

Women's Sunday School Class - The Women's Sunday School Class has just begun a study of the book *What If God Wrote Your To-Do List?* They would like to invite all women who are looking for a Sunday school to join them at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. The class meets downstairs on the first floor in room 107.

Church-wide Breakfast – Please join us Sunday, April 26, at 9:00am for a church-wide breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Jim Helveston, for chairing this event.

Miracle Sunday – The United Methodist Church is working to establish an endowment to support seminary training for pastors in Europe, Africa, and the Philippines. More details to come.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will take place in the church library

Apr. 20 at 4:30pm – CDC Board

Apr. 28 at 6:00pm – Leadership Council

May 4 at 4:30pm – Student Ministry Meeting

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00pm Revive Study Group

Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:30pm Wednesday Night Meal – All Ages Welcome (FH)

6:00pm Small Groups (*Lighthouse Kids, Youth Fellowship, Adults*)

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***Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries
Kindal Gammill, Pianist***