

Ascension Sunday
Service of Word
May 17, 2026 at 11:00am

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“I Must Tell Jesus”

arr. Topolski

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

“Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”

Horman

The Opening Prayer

**The Hymn of Praise*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 139 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Recognition of our Senior Caston McKellar

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.

**The Congregational Hymn*

“Blessed Be the Name”

No. 63

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“A Medley of Praise”

arr. Gammill

**The Doxology*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**The Prayer for Illumination*

see insert

**The Gospel Lesson*

Leviticus 16:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“In the Shadow of the Cross”

Dengler

The Sermon

“The Lord’s Supper: The Atoning Sacrifice”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

**The Hymn of Response*

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

No. 359 (vv. 1, 4)

**The Apostles’ Creed*

No. 881

**The Gloria Patri*

SENDING FORTH

**The Hymn of Invitation*

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

No. 480 (vv. 1, 4)

**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*

“Go in Peace”

Hopson

**Postlude*

“Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Gammill

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

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Sunday – Please join us today as we honor our graduating senior, Caston McKellar, with a church-wide luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Thanks to Barbara Bryan and LaDonna Helveston for decorating for this event. Congratulations, Caston!

Miracle Sunday – The United Methodist Church is working to establish an endowment to support seminary training for pastors in Europe, Africa, and the Philippines. We will take up an offering for that work today.

Annual Rummage Sale – We are now accepting donations for our annual rummage sale, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, in the Fellowship Hall. If you have items you would like to donate, please call the church office to arrange a time for drop-off. Please do not bring clothing or shoes.

Summer Schedule – This week is the last week for Lighthouse Kids and our Wednesday night adult study. The youth will continue to meet on Wednesday nights through the summer. If you'd like to supply a meal for the youth, please contact Jane Caston.

Office Hours – Beginning on June 1, the church office will be open to the public from 8:30am – 12:30pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the church library

CDC Board May 18 at 4:30pm
Leadership Council May 26 at 6:00pm

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)

HONORING OUR Graduates

GROW IN THE GRACE AND
KNOWLEDGE OF OUR
LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST.

2 PETER 3:18 (NIV*)

