

Weekly Readings:

Monday Psalm 18:1-19
 Tuesday Matthew 7:21-28
 Wednesday Mark 12:28-34
 Thursday James 1:19-26
 Friday Colossians 1:15-29
 Saturday Ephesians 3:14-21



Announcements this week:

Reminder: Spring Plant Sale—May 2nd & 3rd. If you have perennial plants to share, we will be collecting plants, starting at noon on Thursday, May 2nd. Proceeds will go to hunger projects.

- ◆ **Sunday:** “The Chosen” @ 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship Hall
- ◆ **Monday:** Bible Study @ 1:30 p.m.
Shawl Ministry @ 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Tuesday:** Meekness Circle @ 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Wednesday:** Jubilation @ 6:30 p.m.

Save the Date

The Leadership please save the date for May 14th, Ad Council Mtg.

Prayers:

Terry & Rachel Ward; Colleen Schulz; Bob & K.J. Clark; Dale Pullin; Todd Hess; Family of Susan Hrubes; Galen Peckham and World Conflict

We are asking for your help!

We are planning the Summer Food for Kids program. We will need individual mac and cheese cups; peanut butter; fruit snacks; applesauce cups; tuna helper; tuna; spaghetti and sauce; pancake mix; and syrup.

Office Information:

Office hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 –12:30 or by appointment

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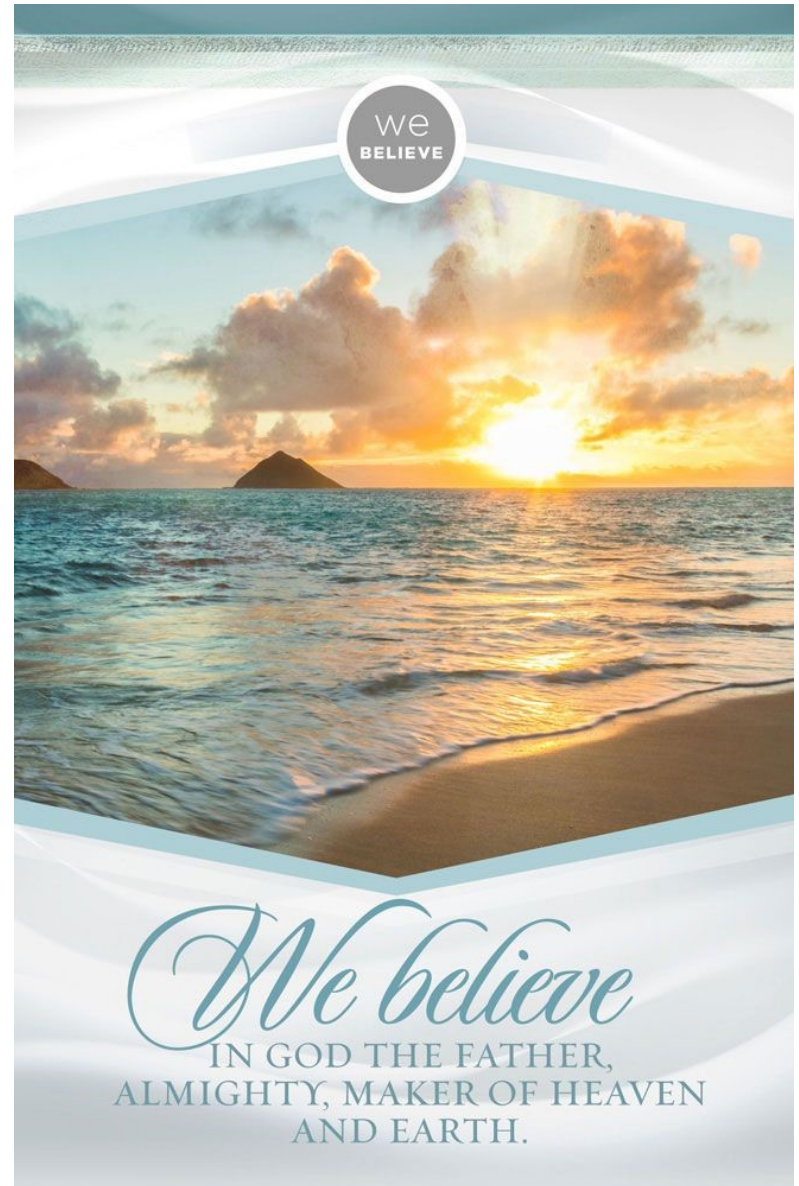
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Sunday, April 28th, 2024



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5th Sunday of Easter

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements:

***Opening Hymn:** "Love Divine, All loves Excelling " UMH Pg. 384

Psalms Reading: 22:25-31 Pg 435

Call To Worship:

As members of Christ's tree of life,
we are connected, in love, to God.

As members of Christ's tree of life,
we are connected, in love, to one another.

As members of Christ's tree of life,
we strengthen our connection through worship.

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, send your Spirit among us now. Bind us to you in love this day, that we may worship in unity and friendship. Bind us to you in love this hour, that we may be strengthened to bring abundant love to your world. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Acts: 8:26-40 Pg. 892

***Hymn of Praise:** "Christ is Alive" UMH Pg. 318

***Prayer of Confession:**

Speak truth to our hearts, O God. Speak love to our lives, that we may remain in your love and share your love joyously with others. Speak grace to our souls, that we may rest in your grace and forgive others as we have been forgiven. Speak mercy to our world, that all the world may know your love and find redemption in your grace. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:**

God's promises are sure. The promises of forgiveness, grace, and love are true. In Christ's love and grace, we are forgiven and made new.

***Gloria Patri:** UMH Pg. 70

Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ

Children's Choir "Never Let Go of Me"
"I'M Trusting You"

Children's Message:

Noisy Sunday

Senior Recognition

Joys and Concerns:

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Pastoral Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer:

Presentation of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings:

Offertory Prayer:

Loving God, bless these gifts with love. transform lives with our ministries, that your people everywhere might know your grace, abide in your love, and connect with Christ, the vine of life. Amen.

***Doxology:** UMH Pg. 95

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8 Pg. 878

New Testament Reading: 1 John 3:16-24 Pg. 991

Message: Pastor Allen

***Closing Hymn:** "Lord I want to Be a Christian" UMH Pg. 402

***Benediction:**

***Sending Forth:** "Shalom to You" vs. 1 UMH Pg. 666