

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Welcome *Pastor Jeff will give announcements and welcome*

****Call to Worship** (*Liturgist parts are indicated in BOLD and ***)

****Good Morning, I am Chris Ritter, and will be serving as Worship Leader today. Would you please stand as you are comfortable and able to join me in the responsive Call to Worship?**

****Leader: Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God. Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.**

People: God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress. Christ leads us and guides us every day.

****Leader: Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God. You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen one.**

People: Every day we long for pure spiritual milk. Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.

****Leader: Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet. Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.**

People: We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life. We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.

****Will you join us in our opening song, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me", hymn #509, the words will be on the screen.**

Opening Song *"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"* UMC Hymn #509

****Would you join with me in our Opening Prayer?**

Open your heavens to us, God of all worlds. We long for the pure spiritual milk you provide so we may grow into salvation. We are your people, sisters and brothers of your Chosen One. Let us this day be built into a spiritual house, a community of your faithful people. Keep us from judging those whose views differ from our own, or from throwing stones at those with whom we disagree. Incline your ear to us and rescue us from ourselves, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Time

Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts

(Pastor Jeff will first do the prayers, Liturgist will read Invitation & pray)

****Invitation:** There are moments when the heavens seem to open to us, and we sense the vast possibilities for life that God offers. We long to reach our God-given potential and to offer that opportunity to others. The tithes and offerings we bring are devoted to that purpose.

****Will you pray with me?** We commit ourselves to you, gracious God, as we dedicate material gifts that represent our labor. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life, we are filled with awe. When we remember Jesus as the cornerstone of the spiritual house you are seeking to build in our midst, we are eager to help. Let your face shine on us and on this offering that your mighty acts may be proclaimed to all the world. Amen.

Praise Song *"I Will Call Upon the Lord" & "Praise the Name of Jesus"*

****Scripture Reading John 14:1-7 found in the Good News Bible on page 1288 in the pew Bible.**

As this is a reading of the gospel please stand in body or spirit.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” This is the word of God for the people of God; thanks be to God!

Message *“Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life”* Pastor Jeff Williams

Closing Song *“Victory in Jesus”* UMC Hymn #370

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction