

EVERYONE?



April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

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We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

"A Jubilant Peal"

Helman
Bells of Glory

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

People: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.

Leader: Drink from the waters of life.

People: We live in the light of God's grace.

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

People: All are welcome here.

We Praise God

*Hymn #559

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Children's Time

Worship Song

"You are My King (Amazing Love)"

Foote

Confession

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections.

Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Moment for Mission

Salvation Army

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Ring to the Lord a New Song"

Moklebust
Bells of Glory

*Doxology

(to the tune of #95)

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing!
Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death
and given life eternal breath. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, help us stay rooted in your love, producing fruit that brings glory to your name. Bless these gifts that signify our commitment to abide in your teachings and work joyfully in response to your love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the New Testament 1 John 4:7-21

Hymn #2016 *"Glorify Thy Name"*

A Reading from the Gospel John 15:1-8

A Reading from the New Testament Acts 8:26-40

Sermon *"Love All the Way: Everyone?"* Pastor Lou

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary)

**Our Creator in Heaven, holy is your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

We Respond to the Word

*Final Hymn #111 *"How Can We Name a Love"*

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

Loving God, we ask that You Create breakthroughs,
Open doors, direct, and inspire us as we follow Jesus' way:
receiving and offering abundant hope and love in our lives,
our church, our community, and Your world.
May Your will be done. Amen.

*Chimes & Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2. All that ded - i - cat - ed cit - y, dear - ly loved of God on high,
3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to - day;
4. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of thee to gain,
5. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,



- cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious, bind - ing all the church in one;
 in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy;
 • with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness hear thy peo - ple as they pray;
 what they gain from thee for - ev - er with the bless - ed to re - tain,
 laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One,



- ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 God the One in Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 • and thy full - est ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 One in might, and One in glo - ry, while un - end - ing ag - es run.



Latin, 7th cent.
 Tr. John Mason Neale, 1851
 Alt. in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Purcell, 1659-1695
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868; alt. 1990

Glorify Thy Name

God, how we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Verse 2 – Jesus, we love you

Verse 3 – Spirit, we love you

How Can We Name a Love

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think or door seek or find?

Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found,
hid in the commonplace.

If we awoke to life built on a rock of care that asked no great
reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make or do
with shared delight, our Friend and Partner's will
is better understood, that all should share,
create, and care, and know that life is good.

So, in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home,
or in the street.

Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown

I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love[a] because he first loved us.

20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15:1-8

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes[a] to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become[c] my disciples.

Acts 8:26-40

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?”

And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

**Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”**

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”[b] 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip[c] baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **April 28, 2024**

- 9:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM "Celebrate Wonder" Sunday School, Room 8 (lower level)
- 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 10:45 AM Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00 PM Prayer Gathering - Sanctuary

MONDAY **April 29, 2024**

- 9:30 AM Knitters – Panera, Grand Haven
- 1:00 – 6:00 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall

TUESDAY **April 30, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 7:15 PM Bell Choir – Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY **May 1, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 5:15 PM Supper - Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM Guitar Club – Sanctuary
- 6:15 PM Knitters – Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **May 2, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 AM Community Senior Choir – Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Mary Circle – Russ' – Grand Haven
- 3:00 - 6:00 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary

FRIDAY **May 3, 2024**

Office Closed

SATURDAY **May 4, 2024**

No Scheduled Activities



Information, Events, and Activities

MISSION MOMENT – TODAY IN WORSHIP

During the service, a representative of the local Salvation Army will provide an update about the work of the organization. If you would like to contribute and do so by check, please make payable to Church of the Dunes and note "Mission Moment" on the memo line.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP – MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1:00 PM

These meetings are open to all who are caring for a loved one with a long-term illness or diagnosis. This is a time to find support, ideas, and resources. You *do not* need to be a member of Church of the Dunes to participate.

EVENING CHAIR-SUPPORTED YOGA CLASSES RESUME – APRIL 29, 5:30 PM

These classes, with gentle stretches for balance, flexibility, and relaxation, are open to all adults. Weekly Monday sessions meet at 5:30 p.m., beginning April 29. A \$1 donation per class helps with expenses. Plans to resume a daytime class are in progress.

WOMEN'S RETREAT- MAY 11 - REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1

This one-day retreat explores putting the pieces of our lives together in a way that brings joy and closer connection with God. The event, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., includes a keynote speaker, breakout sessions, lunch, and more. Advanced registration is required (\$15) by May 1. Registration forms are on the Adult Ministries bulletin board, located near the church office. Scholarships available.

NAME TAG SUNDAY – MAY 5

The first Sunday of each month is Name Tag Sunday. Please wear a name tag for worship and for the potluck afterwards. This helps us all get better acquainted and helps communion servers too. To request a new or replacement reusable name tag, make a note on the sign-in sheet or contact the church office. Single-use name tags are available at the Welcome Center.

POTLUCK – MAY 5, AFTER WORSHIP

The next church potluck is Sunday, May 5, immediately following the service. Bring a dish to pass and your own plate and utensils. There will be a Cinco de Mayo-themed trivia game with prizes. Not able to bring a dish to share? Please join us anyway! There is always plenty.

TEXTILE ART DEMONSTRATION AND TALK – MAY 9, 10:00 AM

Church of the Dunes Craft Circle welcomes textile artist Jane Hutchins who will explain and demonstrate a weaving technique called twining (twine-ing). Everyone is welcome to enjoy the presentation as well as refreshments and fellowship afterwards. This meets in the Ryder Lounge, which is located on the main floor of the church.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY - MAY 19

During worship on Sunday, May 19, Church of the Dunes will recognize graduating high school seniors. If there is a graduating senior in your family who would like to participate, please contact the church office.

All are Welcome

The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved.

We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all.

This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, abilities, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.

Sundays at Church of the Dunes

Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

For a link to the recorded livestream, visit www.umcdunes.org/worship.

Nursery - available during 9:30 a.m. worship

It is located a short distance down the hall from the worship space.

Sunday School for Children - Hosanna classroom (room 8), lower level

The pastor will dismiss students to Sunday school from worship after the Children's Time.

Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. - Wiltse Center fellowship area

Please stop by for fresh coffee and delicious refreshments.

Faith Linked - 10:45 a.m. - Ryder Lounge

Discussion of topics and current events from a faith-focused perspective. Open to all adults.

Notes from the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment.

Church of the Dunes would like to stay connected with you and to be supportive of you and your loved ones. If your contact information has changed, please let the church office know. If you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit, please let us know. Let us know, as well, if you have experienced a death in your family.

Praises and Prayers

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are from Dolores Quackenbush in memory of her husband Harold.

THANK YOU TO ALL who helped clean up the church yard for spring. Everything looks so fresh and beautiful! Thank you for your time and efforts.

MANY THANKS for the flowers, cards, food, and especially all the prayers during my recent knee surgery and recovery. It was wonderful to feel your support during this difficult time. I am grateful to be a part of such a caring congregation. Blessings, *Gail Smart*

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

April 28	Kate Cole, Drew Mestrom
April 29	Gary Kish
April 30	Karyn Gillan, Jeff Shimp
May 2	Emily Parsons
May 4	Lou Grettenberger, Linda Ham
May 5	Tom Gordon

Giving and Attendance

<u>Date/Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
April 7	\$9,079	\$9,468	\$8,830	107.2%
April 14	\$7,182	\$9,325	\$8,830	105.6%

April 21 offering information will be provided in an upcoming bulletin.

To give by mail, please send offering to United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To give online, visit <https://umcdunes.org/give/>.

April 21, 2024

Total attendance	228
In person	151
Online	77 (51 x 1.5)

Since one view may include more than one person viewing together, the Michigan Conference of the UMC recommends multiplying the number of views by 1.5 to estimate total online attendance.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Dave Hoffman
Acolyte: Brody Kurburski
Music: Bells of Glory, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Don Woodward, Trevor Larkins
Greeter: Darlene Graska
Welcome Center: Dolores Quackenbush
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Jane Brown, Heather Torrance, Betty & Rob Roberts
Coffee Hour: Jan Lipfert, Sherry Baker

Next Week – May 5

Liturgist: Neal Miller
Acolyte: Morgan Yost
Music: Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery
Technology: ArSarNi Grettenberger, Blair Miller
Greeters: Jan & Denny Stuart
Welcome Center: Ruth Hanson
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Rich Cole, Jackie & Tom Laughlin
Coffee Hour: Sherry Baker

Church of the Dunes is a family of faith which seeks to:

- grow in God's grace and love.
- challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples.
- share the Good News.
- demonstrate and reflect the love of God.

Church office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Lou directly on his cellphone at 231-883-9806.