



## **HOLY BOLDNESS:**

From Fear to Feared

**April 27, 2025**

## **2nd Sunday of Easter**

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**

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**We Gather**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

**People: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

Leader: I do not see him. I don't believe you.

**People: (louder) Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

Leader: Let me see his body, his hands, and his feet.

**People: We are Christ's body; we are Christ's hands and feet.**

Leader: You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?

**People: We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.**

Leader: Let us go together, let us partner with others.

**People: For we are the body of Christ: let us share the Good News!**

**We Praise God**

\*Hymn #318

*"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"*

Children's Time

Pastor Lou

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess our doubts. When our childhood understandings fall away, we feel naked. When our long-held beliefs seem to crumble, we feel lost. When our convictions are questioned, we feel uneasy. Forgive us. Guide us into right paths, O God. Guide our feet into the way of peace; guide our hands to care for others; guide our hearts to love our neighbors. Call us back to You, O Christ, and renew our faith. When the ground is unsteady, loving God, put us back on right paths by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with You. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Mission Moment

*READ*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

arr. Raney

Dianne Prieditis, Marna Jeffery

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God, from you comes every bounty. Every sacrifice of life that sustains ours is the sacrifice of your beloved. As we return a small part of the bounty you have blessed us with, we pray that it will be used to forge stronger connections among all creation until the whole world is redeemed by your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

### **We Share the Word**

A Reading from the Gospel

John 20:19-31

Special Music

*"Cross of Christ Medley"*

arr. Shackley

Dianne Prieditis, Marna Jeffery

A Reading from the New Testament

Acts 5:27-32

Sermon

*"Holy Boldness: From Fearful to Feared"*

Pastor Lou

### **We Respond to the Word**

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

\*Final Hymn #310

*"He Lives"*

### **We are Sent Forth**

\*Benediction

**Loving God, we ask that You create breakthroughs,  
open doors, direct and inspire us to live for you.  
Transcend our too often defeat-filled lives  
with the victorious power and love of our Risen Savior.  
May we share Christ's power-filled love  
with our church, our community,  
and Your world.  
May new life be offered and Your will be done. Amen.**

\*Chimes/Parting Music

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Christ is Alive! Let's Christians Sing**  
**Hymn #318**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior in the God-head reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
'til earth and all creation ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

**Doxology for Easter**

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!

## **John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **Acts 5:27-32**

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

### **He Lives** **Hymn # 310**

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he's always near.

{Refrain} He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He  
lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last. {Refrain}

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal  
hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind. {Refrain}

## This Week's Calendar

### **SUNDAY      April 27, 2025**

9:30 AM    Worship – Sanctuary  
9:45 AM    “Be Bold” Sunday School - Room 8  
10:30 AM    Coffee Fellowship - Wiltse Center fellowship area  
10:45 AM    Wired Word – Ryder Lounge  
1:00-3:00 PM    Youth Group – Social Hall  
6:00 – 8:00 PM    Inquirer’s Class – Ryder Lounge  
All Day      DeColores

### **MONDAY      April 28, 2025**

9:30 AM    Prayer Shawl Group – Panera Bread, Grand Haven  
11:00 AM    Reading the Bible – Ryder Lounge  
11:00 – 3:00 PM    Private Lessons – Wiltse Center  
1:30 – 5:30 PM    Piano Lessons – Sanctuary  
1:30 PM    Book Club - Panera  
5:30 PM    Chair Yoga – Social Hall

### **TUESDAY      April 29, 2025**

9:00 AM    Organ Lesson – Choir Loft  
9:00 – 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center  
9:00 – 11:00 AM    Pastor Lou’s Office Hour  
11:00 – 3:00 PM    Private Lessons – Wiltse Center  
6:00 PM    Acrylics, Too – Social Hall  
7:00 PM    Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

### **WEDNESDAY      April 30, 2025**

9:00 – 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center  
11:00 – 3:00 PM    Private Lessons – Wiltse Center  
5:15 PM    Wednesday Night Supper – Wiltse Center  
6:00 PM    Knit & Crochet – Conference Room  
6:00 PM    Guitars - Sanctuary  
7:00 PM    Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

### **THURSDAY      May 1, 2025**

9:00 - 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center  
10:30 AM    Community Choir – Choir Room  
11:30 AM    Chair Yoga – Social Hall  
1:00 PM    Mary Circle – Ryder Lounge  
3:00 – 7:00 PM    Piano Lessons – Sanctuary  
5:30 PM    Running Club  
6:00 PM    DeColores Follow up – Social Hall

### **FRIDAY      May 2, 2025 – Office Closed**

8:30 AM    Bible for Men – Kenzie’s Be Café

### **SATURDAY      May 3, 2025**

No Scheduled Activities

Church of the Dunes  
Information, Events, and Activities

*Events and activities are open to all.*

**MISSION MOMENT: READ – TODAY IN WORSHIP**

Today's mission moment benefits READ (Reading Enables Adult Development), which empowers adults through opportunities to improve and transform their lives through reading and language skills. If you would like to contribute and plan to do so by check, please make it payable to Church of the Dunes and note Mission Moment on the memo line.

**FINAL COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLES FOR GIVE AND GROW**

Today is the last day to donate items to Give and Grow. Collection boxes are located in the weekday entrance (main floor). Thanks to everyone for your generosity and support!

**NEW MEMBER INQUIRER'S CLASS – TODAY, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Whether you'd like to learn more about this church, or are considering becoming a member, this class is for you! New members are always a blessing, but participants are not obligated to join. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, May 4.

**FOURTH MONDAY READING GROUP – MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1:30 PM**

The 4th Monday Reading Group will be meeting tomorrow on Monday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m. at Panera Bread in Grand Haven to discuss *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Daré.

**WOMEN'S SPRING BOOK STUDY – BEGINS TUESDAY, MAY 6, 10:00 AM**

Books for the Women's Spring Book Study of *Perfectly Flawed* by Lisa Toney will be available during coffee fellowship time after worship today and next Sunday, May 4. Books are \$12; book scholarships may be available. The group will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2 (lower level) for 6 weeks, beginning May 6.

**CRAFT CIRCLE MEETING WITH GUEST SPEAKER – THURSDAY, MAY 8, 10:00 AM**

Craft Circle will meet on Thursday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ryder Lounge (main floor). Joyce Bowling will be speaking to the group about Hope House. All are welcome.

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES WHITECAPS TICKETS – SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2:00 PM**

Join the Church of the Dunes community at a Whitecaps baseball game! Dale Zurakowski will be selling tickets for \$21 during coffee fellowship time in the Wiltse Center (main floor) after worship on May 11 and May 18. Contact Dale or the church office for more information.

**FREE CONCERT: JOEL MABUS – THURSDAY, MAY 15, 7:00 PM**

American Folk musician Joel Mabus is joining the Dunes Concert Series. This is a free concert in the sanctuary of the church on Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**BROWN BAG NON-PERISHABLE FOOD GATHERING – SUNDAY, MAY 18**

The non-perishable food gathering on Sunday, May 18 supports Love in Action Tri-Cities. Most needed items include 64 oz. shelf stable juice, canned meat, and canned pasta. See the Missions Board in the weekend entrance (main floor) for a list of needed items.



## 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](http://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.

## Notes from the Church Office

### **Church Office Hours**

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

**The bulletin deadline** is noon on Tuesdays, and earlier on holiday weeks. Bulletin space is limited and often fills up well before the deadline. Early submissions are recommended.

**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.

**Please note:** there is a slight change to Pastor Lou's email address. His email is now [pastor@umcdunes.org](mailto:pastor@umcdunes.org) (not [pastorlou@umcdunes.org](mailto:pastorlou@umcdunes.org))

### Praises and Prayers

Flowers are from Michelle DeVito in honor of her grandchildren Isabelle Houseman graduating with a master's degree in public history from American University and Aiden Shephard graduating with a bachelor's degree in music education from Central Michigan University.

### Birthdays

April 27	Bob Archer, Lisa Danicek, Jan Lipfert
April 28	Kate Cole, Drew Mestrom
April 29	Gary Kish
April 30	Karyn Gillan, Jeff Shimp
May 2	Emily Parsons
My 4	Lou Grettenberger, Linda Hamm

### Giving

<u>Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
April 20	\$8,102	\$9,205	\$8,830	103.4

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/>.

### Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>X1.5</u>	<u>Total</u>
April 20	271	99	148.5	420

*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. The final number is rounded up.*

### **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

**Liturgist:** Neal Miller  
**Pastor:** Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** Dianne Frieditis, Marna Jeffery  
**Technology:** David Norton, ArSarNi Grettenberger  
**Greeter:** Carol Barnhill  
**Welcome Center:** Darlene Graska  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Eric Weber, Ron Kurburski, John Bartels, Gary Gillan  
**Coffee Hour:** Carol Sue Scherpenisse

### **Next Week – May 4**

**Liturgist:** Dave Hoffman  
**Pastor:** Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** Chancel Choir  
**Technology:** Blair Miller, ArSarNi Grettenberger  
**Greeters:** Carole Woolf  
**Welcome Center:** Volunteer Needed  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Karyn & Gary Gillan, Neal Miller  
**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.