



May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

United Methodist Church of the Dunes
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We Gather

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Threshold Moment

*Call to Worship

Leader: Wake up! Rise up!

People: **There is much to be done in the Lord's name today.**

Leader: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

People: **We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.**

Leader: Open your hearts to God's will this day.

People: **We praise God who walks with us and guides us.**

We Praise God

*Hymn #154

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

vs. 1,2, 4 & 6

Children's Time

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our greed, our anger, our rage, and at times even our hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted. We have taken more than our share. We have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in ways that mirror our broken world. Guide us back to Your path; to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend our hands to the work of offering hope, healing, forgiveness, and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

Worship Song

"Your Love, O Lord"

Powell/Avery/Carr
Lee/Anderson

Assurance of Forgiveness

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Let All the People Say Amen"

Choplin
Chancel Choir; Dawn Scott, Soloist

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, as Jesus prayed for unity among His followers, we bring our gifts in the spirit of that same unity. Bless these offerings and use them to draw others into the love and truth of Christ, that the world may come to see and believe. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the New Testament

Acts 9:36-43

Hymn #381

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

A Reading from the Gospel

John 10:22-30

Sermon

"Holy Boldness: Calling from the Edge"

Pastor Lou

We Respond to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

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 #2140

"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

vs. 1-3

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

Loving God, we ask that You create breakthroughs, open doors, direct and inspire us to live for you. May we offer reconciliation and forgiveness and be more grateful for the people with whom you have surrounded us. May we share Christ's love and joy 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*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Hymn #154 vs. 1,2 4 & 6

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.



Your Love, O Lord

Your love O Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Stretches to the sky

Your righteousness
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows
Like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice
To worship You my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings

Doxology for Eastertide

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!

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Hymn # 381

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

John 10:22-30

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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Since Jesus Came into My Heart
Hymn # 2140 vs 1 – 3

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
since Jesus came into my heart!

{Refrain:} Since Jesus came into my heart,
since Jesus came into my heart,
floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart.

I have ceased from my wandering and going astray,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,
since Jesus came into my heart! {Refrain}

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, since
Jesus came into my heart! {Refrain}

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY May 11, 2025, Mother's Day

- 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 Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge

MONDAY May 12, 2025

- 9:00 – 9:00 PM Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Panera Bread, Grand Haven
- 1:00 PM Life After Loss – Ryder Lounge
- 1:30 – 5:30 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary
- 3:00 – 6:30 PM Piano Lessons – Choir Practice Room
- 5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall

TUESDAY May 13, 2025

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 9:00 AM Organ Lessons – Choir Loft
- 9:00 – 4:00 PM Quilt Guild – Social Hall
- 1:00 PM Esther Circle – Ryder Lounge
- 4:00 PM Staff Parish Relations – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00 PM Trustees – Ryder Lounge
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY May 14, 2025

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 4:00 PM Dreamweavers – Ryder Lounge
- 5:15 PM Last 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 May15, 2025

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 AM Community Choir – Choir Room
- 11:30 AM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 5:30 PM Running Club – Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM DeColores Follow Up - Social Hall

FRIDAY May 16, 2025 – Office Closed

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

SATURDAY May 17, 2025

- 1:00 – 4:00 PM Grettenberger Graduation Party – Wiltse Center
- 3:30 – 6:30 PM DeColores Team Potluck – Social Hall

Church of the Dunes
Information, Events, and Activities

Events and activities are open to all.

WHITECAPS BASEBALL GAME TICKETS – TODAY & SUNDAY, MAY 18

The Church of the Dunes community are invited to attend a Whitecaps baseball game at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22. Tickets are \$21 and will be sold during coffee fellowship time today, and next Sunday, May 18. Contact Dale Zurakowski for more information or if you are interested in carpooling/providing rides.

LAST DAY FOR WEDNESDAY SUPPERS – WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

The last evening for Wednesday evening suppers will be Wednesday, May 14. Suppers will resume this fall.

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

The Dunes Concert Series welcomes Joel Mabus to the sanctuary of Church of the Dunes on Thursday, May 15. The free concert is open to all members of the community. Seating is general admission, doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

BROWN BAG FOOD GATHERING FOR LOVE IN ACTION – SUNDAY, MAY 18

This non-perishable food gathering is for Love in Action Tri-Cities. Brown bags and a complete list of most needed items are available in the Welcome Center. To participate, take a bag(s), shop for some of the items, and bring it back to church on Sunday, May 18.

TRAVELOGUE PRESENTATION – SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2:00 PM

The second Finishing Well travelogue presentation will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18 in the Ryder Lounge (main floor). These presentations will visit the Rhine River, Australia, Paris, and American national parks. Light snacks will be provided.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION AND CARD SHOWER – SUNDAY, MAY 18

Next Sunday, we will be showering our graduating high school seniors with cards to celebrate their accomplishments! Drop off cards in the labeled gift bags in the weekday entrance of the church. On Sunday, May 18, these students will be recognized during worship. A cake reception will follow the service.

FOURTH MONDAY READING GROUP – MONDAY, MAY 19, 1:30 PM

This month, the Fourth Monday Reading Group will be reading *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson. The group will meet at the Panera Bread in Grand Haven.

DUNESMEN MEAL AND MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 19, 6:00 PM

The Dunesmen will be hosting a meal and meeting on Monday, May 19 in the Wiltse Center (main floor) at 6:00 p.m. Rich Cole and Blair Miller will be discussing topics and issues of discussion prior to the UM Michigan Annual Conference. Jim Burch is the meal host.

WORSHIP APPRECIATION PARTY – WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 6:00 PM

Have you helped in worship this year with music, technology, preparing or serving communion, the welcome center, ushering, or greeting? Join the worship appreciation party in the Wiltse Center (main floor) and bring tableware and a side dish to pass. Spouses/families are also welcome.

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.

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.

Praises and Prayers

The flowers today are from Ginger Collins in honor and memory of Mothers everywhere.

Birthdays

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| May 12 | Charlene Brown, Betty Dawson, Rhea Eldred, Emily Jensen, Theron Stone |
| May 13 | Linda Daugherty, Marna Jeffery, Richard Wagner |
| May 14 | Cyndi Phillip |
| May 15 | Ron Kirchner, Karen Middlesworth |
| May 16 | Katie Cole, Mary Anne Miller, Dan Starkey |

Giving

| Week Of | Offerings Received | Average Year-to-Date | Weekly Budgeted | Percent of Budget |
|---------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| May 4 | \$6,635 | \$8,963 | \$8,830 | 100.7 |

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

| Date | Attendance | Online Views | Views x 1.5 | Total |
|-------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| May 4 | 186 | 60 | 90 | 276 |

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: Cathryn Marshall
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery
Technology: David Norton, Trevor Larkins
Greeters: Don & Ruth Woodward
Welcome Center: Cathy Shick
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Eric Weber, Pam & Dale Zurakowski
Coffee Hour: Bill & Maria Hoekstra, Sherry Baker

Next Week – May 18

Liturgist: Jan Stuart
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery
Technology: David Norton
Greeter: Cathy Shick
Welcome Center: Ruth Hanson
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Jane Brown, Rich Cole, Jacki & 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.