



THE UNBREAKABLE POWER OF WORSHIP

June 1, 2025

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

We Gather

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements

Introit

“A Jubilant Peal”

Helman
Bells of Glory

Threshold Moment

Psalm 97

Choral Call to Worship

“Praise God’s Holy Name”

Hampton
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

People: And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

Leader: And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

People: The one who testifies to these things says,
“Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

We Praise God

*Hymn #723

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Children's Time

Ruth Woodward

Special Music

“I Will Lift My Eyes”

Hayes
Chancel Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, shrouded in awesome majesty, we have a need for confession whenever we come to worship. We are so much like the disciples of old. We disclaim our own power and underestimate the gifts which you have so graciously bestowed upon us. We want to turn things over to you rather than own the challenges which you place squarely before us. We want some divine intervention from you to set the world right rather than working for justice, peace, and good will among all your peoples. Forgive our foolishness and our sin. Help us to lay claim to the promises of Jesus as we invite his forgiveness. Amen.

Response

“The Prayer”

Humperdinck
Bells of Glory

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn Sing

Marna Jeffery & Judah Weeks

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"A Place in the Valley"
Chancel Choir

Besig/Price

*Response

(words on the screens)

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, all that we have is yours. Now, we return a portion of what you have given us, so that we can be part of your ongoing work of ministry and mission in the world. Thank you for allowing us to participate in the love You have for all Your children. Amen.

Special Music

"Pathetique"

Tchaikovsky
Caleb Klien

We Share the Word

A Reading from the New Testament

Acts 16:16-26

Special Music

"You Raise Me Up"

arr. Martin
Chancel Choir

A Reading from the New Testament

Acts 16:9-15

Video Meditation

Pastor Lou

We Respond to the Word

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.

We are Sent Forth

*Final Hymn #363

"And Can it Be that I Should Gain"

vs. 1, 4, & 5

*Benediction

(words on the screens)

Choral Benediction

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Lutkin
Chancel Choir

**Please stand as you are able*

Psalm 97

- The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- ³ Fire goes before him
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples behold his glory.
- ⁷ All servants of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments, O God.
- ⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ You who love the LORD, hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.
- ¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Shall We Gather at the River
Hymn #723

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

{Refrain:} Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. (Refrain)

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

Offering Response

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich."
Because of what the Lord has done for us, Give thanks.

Acts 16:16-26

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

And Can it Be that I Should Gain
Hymn #363 vs 1, 4, & 5

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own!

Benediction

Loving God, we hope our worship has honored you.

We give you all the glory.

Now, we ask that You create breakthroughs
open doors, direct and inspire us to do your will
in every avenue of our life. May your glory shine through us.

May we share in Christ's love, joy, hope, and peace
and offer it to others.

Amen.



This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **June 1, 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

MONDAY **June 2, 2025**

- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Panera Bread, Grand Haven
- 2:00 PM Gun Violence Prevention – Room 2
- 5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall

TUESDAY **June 3, 2025**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:00 AM Organ Lesson – Choir Loft
- 11:00 AM Staff – Ryder Lounge
- 12:00 PM Staff Luncheon – Conference Room
- 5:30 PM Running Club – Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM UWF Board - Room 10
- 7:00 PM Missions – Room 13

WEDNESDAY **June 4, 2025**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM Cup Overflowing study – Room 2

THURSDAY **June 5, 2025**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 11:30 AM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 1:00 PM Mary Circle – Ryder Lounge

FRIDAY **June 6, 2025 – Office Closed**

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

SATURDAY **June 7, 2025**

No scheduled activities

Church of the Dunes
Information, Events, and Activities

Events and activities are open to all.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

- **Name Tag Sunday-** Please wear a name tag during worship and coffee fellowship time as names are good to know and can be hard to remember. Temporary name tags are available at the welcome desk.
- **Hunger Offering for Love in Action-** If you would like to give using a check, please make payable to Church of the Dunes with "hunger offering" on the memo line.

STUDENT CELEBRATION RECITAL – TODAY, 2:00 PM

This afternoon, piano and organ students will be performing at a Celebration Recital to showcase their hard work and talents. The concert will be at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

EASY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Looking for a way to meet new people at church and get involved? Sign up to be a host at the coffee table after church, or a greeter at the front door before church, or as an usher during church. Or simply wear a name tag so people can get to know you by name!

GVP SILENT MARCH PLANNING MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2:00 PM

A meeting to plan the Gun Violence Prevention Group's silent march will take place tomorrow (Monday, June 2) at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2 (lower level). Planning volunteers are especially needed this year, and all are encouraged to join in planning efforts.

CUP OVERFLOWING BOOK STUDY – BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 10:00 AM

This 5-week study will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2. Participants should purchase their own copy of the book and sign up on the Adult Ministries bulletin board.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS NEEDED – BEGINNING JUNE 8

Interested in providing sanctuary flowers this summer? Flowers can be given in honor of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. Flowers are needed for the following Sundays: June 8, June 15, June 29, and July 16.

JUNE SUPPORT GROUPS

- **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP- MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1:00 PM**
'Life after Loss' grief support group is open to all who have experienced a death-related loss. This group meets on the second Monday of the month.
- **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP- MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1:00 PM**
Caregivers support group provides individuals in the caregiving journey a time to talk, share ships, and seek advice. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month.

DUNESMEN MEAL AND MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 16, 6:00 PM

The Dunesmen will be meeting in the Wiltse Center (main floor) on Monday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. for a meal and meeting. Blair Miller and Rich Cole will be discussing topics and issues highlighted at the UM Annual Conference. Larry Cole and Dave Parsons are the meal hosts.

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

Flowers are given in loving memory of her husband Jim by Marj Bullerdick.

Birthdays

Today	Dave Hoffman, Sally Liebertz
June 4	Karen Hanby, Jim Merritt
June 5	Marilyn Tharp
June 8	Trevor Larkins

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>
May 25	\$6,058	\$9,323	\$8,830	104.7

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

On Sunday, May 25, there were 198 people in the Sanctuary. This includes 15 in the choir loft and 23 in Sunday School and Nursery. As of Tuesday morning, we had 45 online views. 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. Our total attendance was 265.5. {198 + 67.5 (45x1.5)}

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgists: Don Woodward, Bruce Bishop
Music: Chancel Choir, Bells of Glory, Marna Jeffery, Caleb Klein
Technology: David Norton, Gail Ringelberg
Greeters: Guy & Char Brown
Welcome Center: Vicki Reis
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Eric Weber, Karyn & Gary Gillan
Coffee Hour: Suzanne & Mike Moynihan

Next Week – June 8

Liturgist: Cathryn Marshall
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Guitar Club
Technology: Jack Cook, Trevor Larkins
Greeter: Ginger Collins
Welcome Center: Carol Sue Scherpenisse
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Pam & Dale Zurakowski, Ron and Tim Kurburski
Coffee Hour: Dreamweavers

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.