



April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

United Methodist Church of the Dunes
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We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

"Fanfare on Easter Hymn"

arr. Shepperd
Marna Jeffery, Brass Ensemble

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus is alive and walks with us! God is good. Love has won. Evil is conquered. Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Death could not hold him, the grave could not keep him.

People: For he has broken the chains of darkness and brought us into light.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We Praise God

*Hymn #302

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
(vs 1-4)

Red Hymnal

Children's Time

Hymn #322

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

Red Hymnal

Easter Prayer

O Lord, we worship on this joy-filled day, knowing that we are your Easter people, fully alive in You. We read Christ's story again, and we are drawn to the light and life of the rising Son. We gaze in wonder after a season of darkness. Light, once a distant memory, breaks through anew. Help us reflect the light of your risen Son, that others might see, rise, and give glory to you. We pray this by the spirit and power of the risen Christ. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Easter Song"

Herring/arr. Larson
Chancel Choir, Bells of Glory

*Doxology to the tune of #95

words on screens

*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

God of New Beginnings, you roll away the stones of despair, doubt, fear, and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we find in Christ. We ask for your blessing of our gifts. Let them be signs of our commitment to live differently -- eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve. Use us, and what we have offered, to keep telling the story. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the New Testament

Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

"Nothing to Fear"

Pastor Lou

We Respond

Hymn #364

"Because He Lives"
(vs 1 & 2)

Red Hymnal

Baptism

*Hymn #327

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Red Hymnal

As we sing the final hymn, you are invited to come to the front row to get a copy of the Hallelujah Chorus and come to the choir loft to sing, or you are welcome to sing along from your seat.

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

*Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

**Please stand as you are able*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Red Hymnal # 302

vs. 1-4

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Up From the Grave He Arose
Red Hymnal #322

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Doxology
(to the tune of #95)

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

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”



Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”



Because He Lives

Red Hymnal #364; vs. 1 & 2

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is here to prove my Savior lives.

{Refrain:} Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold our newborn babies,
and feel the pride and joy they give;
but greater still the calm assurance,
they all can face uncertain days because he lives. {Refrain}



Crown Him with Many Crowns
Red Hymnal #327

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY

9:30 AM
10:30 AM

April 5, 2026

Easter worship - Sanctuary
Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center

MONDAY

9:30 AM
1:00-6:30 PM
5:30 PM

April 6, 2026

Prayer Shawl Group – Panera
Piano Lessons – Galilee Room
Chair Yoga – Social Hall

TUESDAY

9:00 – 11:00 AM
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11:00 – 5:00 AM
6:00 PM
6:00 PM
6:00-6:30 PM
6:30 – 8:00 PM
7:00 PM

April 7, 2026

Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
~~Pastor's Office Hours~~
Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
Greater Balance – Social Hall
UWF Board – UWF Room
Circuit Fitness – Wiltse Center
Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
Missions – Conference Room 2

WEDNESDAY

9:00 – 11:00 AM
10:00 AM

April 8, 2026

Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
Lent in Plain Sight – Study Room

THURSDAY

9:00 – 11:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:30 – 11:45 AM
11:00 – 5:00 PM
11:30 AM
6:00 PM

April 9, 2026

Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
Craft Circle – Ryder Lounge
Community Singers – Choir Room
Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
Chair Yoga – Social Hall
Line Dancing – Social Hall

FRIDAY

8:30 AM
9:00-4:00 PM

April 10, 2026 – Office Closed

Bible for Men – Conference Room 2
Private Lessons – Wiltse Center

SATURDAY

9:00 AM

April 11, 2026

Serving Saturday – Kenzie's Be Cafe

Church of the Dunes
Information, Events, and Activities

Events and activities are open to all.

HAPPY EASTER! WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Each Sunday, Church of the Dunes offers a worship service at 9:30 a.m. with music, a sermon, and prayer. After worship, all are welcome to join for coffee fellowship time in the Wiltse Center (main floor) for coffee, tasty refreshments, and time with the church community. If you are looking for a church home, please consider Church of the Dunes!

Church of the Dunes has choirs, a guitar group, book discussion groups, Bible studies, Sunday School, Family Ministries, caregiver and grief support groups, craft groups, 20 Somethings group, pickleball, men's and women's groups, and a 55+ Finishing Well Ministry.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

- **Hunger Offering: Supper House** – If you would like to give using a check, please make payable to Church of the Dunes with *hunger offering* on the memo line.
- **Name Tag Sunday** - Wear your reusable name tag or get a temporary one from the welcome desk. This is a great way to remember names or get to know new faces.
- **Baptism** – Today we are blessed to celebrate the baptism of Jamison Morse and Charlotte Morse during worship.

CRAFT CIRCLE MEETING – THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 9:30 AM

This month's Craft Circle meeting will feature Annette Allen and Jill Gallagher's work with "Quilts of Valor". Learn more about "Quilts of Valor", and our artists' contributions.

SERVING SATURDAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Volunteers needed! Join Church of the Dunes in coloring brown bags for Kids Food Basket this Saturday, April 11 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Kenzie's Be Café in Grand Haven. This is an open, drop-in volunteer opportunity for all ages. A representative from Kids Food Basket will be there to present on Kids' Food Basket's current efforts, and ways to get involved.

'LIFE AFTER LOSS' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1:00 PM

All who have experienced a death-related loss are welcome to join for a time of sharing, tips, and support led by Trinity Health – At Home professionals. This group meets at 1:00 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge (main floor) on the second Monday of each month.

'DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD' STUDY – BEGINS TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 10:00 AM

Discuss *Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer with a new women's Bible study beginning on April 14. This study will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Bible Study Room (lower level). Sign up on the Adult Ministries bulletin board. If you still need a copy of the book, see Cathy Shick.

RISE & SHINE PLAYGROUP – SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 10:00 AM

This month, the Rise & Shine preschool playgroup will be meeting at Grand Haven City Beach on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. They will be flying kites at the beach, and kites will be provided. See the Family Ministries bulletin board for more information.

FAMILY MINISTRIES PET FOOD BROWN BAG DRIVE – DUE SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Support local animal shelters by donating their most needed items and food in an upcoming brown bag PET food drive. Brown bags with a list of most needed items are available in the weekday entrance. Donations are due back to the church by Sunday, April 19. This effort has been organized by the Sunday school students.

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 - Oasis classroom, 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.

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

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and cards celebrating my 92nd birthday.
They brightened my day! *Bert Haskins*

Birthdays

Today Andrew Mihovich, Pam Suchecki
April 6 Caleb Kehl, Tina Zellman
April 11 Margaret Cook, Rory Vincent (2)
April 12 Dave Norton

Contributions vs Expenses

<u>Week Of</u>	<u>Contributions Received</u>	<u>Average of Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Percent Contributions to Expenses</u>
March 29	\$11,521	\$8,901	\$10,631	84%

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

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Sanctuary	164	(17 in Nursery/Sunday school)
Online Views	90	(60x1.5)*
TOTAL	254	

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

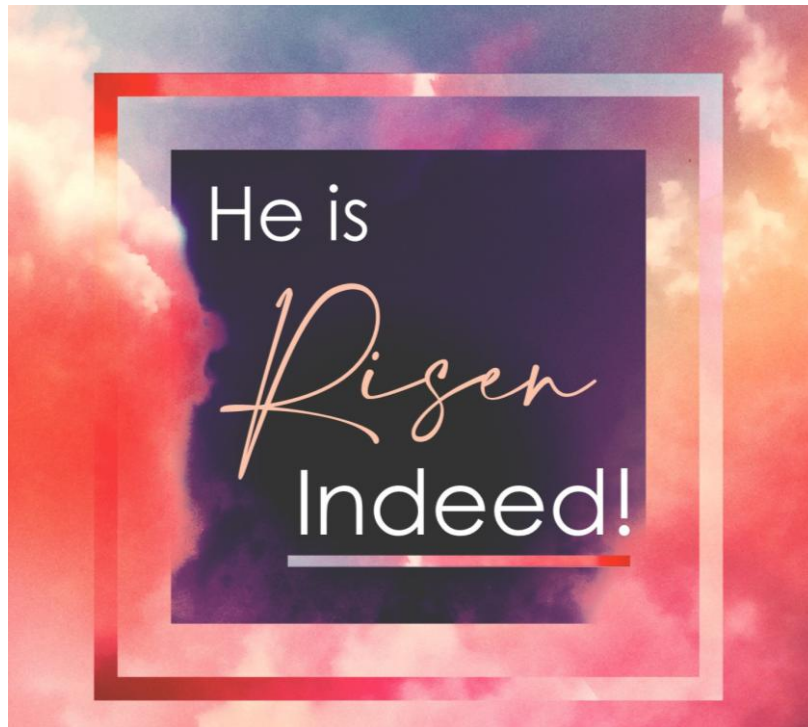
Liturgist: Bruce Bishop
Pastor: Rev. Lou Grettenberger
Music: Chancel Choir, Bells of Glory, Northern Lights Drum & Bugle Corps
Technology: Blair Miller, David Norton, Trevor Larkins
Greeters: Doug & Susan Thorpe
Welcome Center: Vicki Reis
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Nancy Humphrey, Neal Miller, Karyn & Gary Gillan
Coffee Hour Hosts: Carol Sue Scherpenisse, Carla Pearce

Next Week – April 12

Liturgist: Monica Bierl
Pastor: Rev, Lou Grettenberger
Music: Marna Jeffery
Technology: Jane & David Norton
Greeters: Guy & Char Brown
Welcome Center: Susan Thorpe
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Betty & Rob Roberts, Karyn & Gary Gillan
Coffee Hour Hosts: Carla Pearce

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 at 231-883-9806.