

†Gathering Song *He Lives* UMH 310 refrain

†Call to Worship *Psalm 47 with Response* UMH 781

†Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH 327

Opening Prayer *from The UM Book of Worship, 403*

Almighty God,
your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.
Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his
promise,
he abides with his Church on earth,
even to the end of the world,
through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53

Message *God's Power at Work* Pastor Faith Weedling

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

Prayer of Confession *from The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2019*

O Lord, we have not lived our lives as kingdom people.
We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness.
We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control.
We make kings of the things we acquire
and queens of our immediate desires.
We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Forgive us, we pray.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.
Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ blesses us
and calls us kingdom people.
In the name of the reigning Christ, you are forgiven!
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Glory to God! Amen.

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings to God

I Stand Amazed in the Presence arr. C. Berry (8:30am)

I Can See the River Jordan arr. J. Althouse (11am)

Chancel Choir

†Doxology UMH 94

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving UMH p. 9-10

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer following Communion

**Lord, you have given us your grace and peace,
and blessed us with a taste of your heavenly banquet.
As we leave your table, usher us into your kingdom,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

†Hymn *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* UMH 176

†Benediction

†Taking the Light into the World

†Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION (8:30am)
To God Be The Glory Thallander (11am)

†Indicates standing interval if you are able

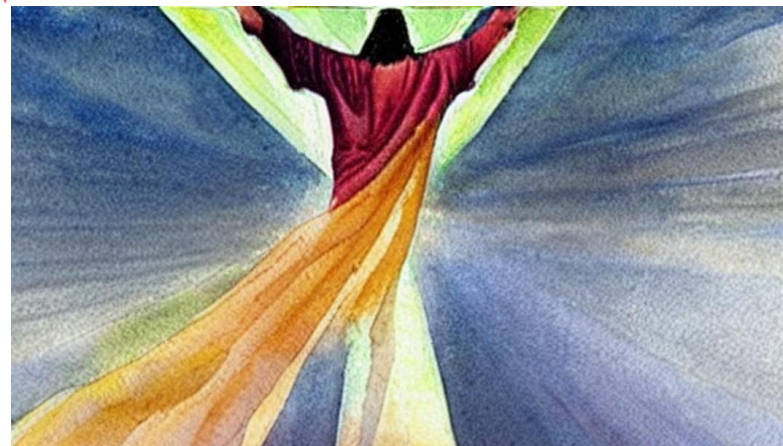
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If you wish to use this equipment, please see an usher.*

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**Welcome to
First United Methodist Church**

ASCENSION SUNDAY



June 1, 2025

8:30am & 11:00am

*Christ is risen, bringing joy, hope, and the promise of new life.
May our worship be a celebration of God's abiding presence
in our lives and in our world.*

ENTRANCE AND PREPARATION

Prelude

It Is Well with My Soul
Gavotte/Bouree

arr. P. Bliss (8:30am)
Mozart (11am)

Lighting of the Candles

Ringin the Disciples into Worship

Words of Welcome

†Greeting Our Neighbors