

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

April 12, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

**PRELUDE** (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**WELCOME** – *Hearing assistance and large print materials are available. See an usher.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**People: Jesus calls us to worship.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

**People: Jesus calls us to love.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**People: Jesus calls us to justice.**

Leader: Let us heed the call of Christ.

**People: Let us worship together with joy.**

written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**  
<https://spaciousfaith.com/>

**\*HYMN** *Standing On the Promises (vs 1-3)* **UMH 374**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Ephesians 4:11-16**

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth

in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*BLESSING THE OFFERING

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 887

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

UMH 420

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup>He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the

boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." <sup>11</sup>So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**MESSAGE** "Disciples"

**Nathan Vaughn**

**\*HYMN** *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

**UMH 399**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** *More Like You*

**FWS 2167**

**EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES**

**POSTLUDE**

**Music Director: Mike Nelson**  
**Videographer: Roger Vandegrift**  
**Liturgist: Lori Nelson**



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☪ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☪

**MISSIONS TEAM MEETING** – today after the service

**BIBLE STUDY** – Meets on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

**OUTSIDE CHURCH SIGN** – Please see Roger if you would like to donate and support the purchase of the new sign.

**FIRST BAPTIST FOOD BANK** – Requests include canned vegetables (potatoes, corn, green beans, carrots), canned meats, corn bread, and spaghetti sauce. Please bring donations by the first Sunday of the month.

**APRIL DINNER GET TOGETHER** – Will be Monday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Bob Evans. Let Jean know if you will attend.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – Call or text Pat Kern at 443-783-6423

**NEWSLETTER** – Submit information to Paul Nelson at [pnelson37@gmail.com](mailto:pnelson37@gmail.com)

**SOCIAL HOUR** – See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.