

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

April 19, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Third 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: Let us worship the One who calls us.

People: Here we are, ready or not, called by the One who lived and died and rose to live again among us.

Leader: Here we are, ready or not, bringing our everyday selves to praise and to pray, to know the Holy One in the midst of our lives.

All: Let us worship the One who calls us.

(from a longer liturgy by [Seekers Church](#), a Christian community in the tradition of the Church of the Saviour)

***HYMN** *Living For Jesus (vs 1-3)*

FWS 2149

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16

Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. ²I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord, apart from you I have no good thing." ³I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." ⁴Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips. ⁵Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places, surely I have a delightful inheritance. ⁷I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. ⁸I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices: my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰because you will not abandon me to

the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. ¹¹You make known to me the path of life, you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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**

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 *Where He Leads Me*

UMH 338

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:6-10

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

MESSAGE "Empowered by the Spirit"

***HYMN** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (sing twice)

UMH 334

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

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

FWS 2167

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

**Music Director: Mike Nelson
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift
Liturgist: Pat Kern**

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GO
TO CHURCH



WE
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☪ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☪

VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – today after the service

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

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

WEEKEND FOOD BAGS for Fruitland Intermediate will be packed next Sunday (April 26) after the service

OUTSIDE CHURCH SIGN – Please see Roger to donate.

FIRST BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Requests include canned fruit, canned meats, pancake mix and syrup, macaroni and cheese, apple sauce, and toilet paper. Donations due the first Sunday.

SUPPORT FOR SDA FAMILIES – the Seventh Day Adventist Church (SDA) rents our facility on Saturdays and Wednesday evenings providing St. John's with much needed revenue. Some of their members have been impacted by ICE with heads of families being detained/deported, dramatically impacting their income. Some members are afraid to leave their homes. If you would like to support them, their requests for needed items include: rice, beans, corn flour, vegetable oil, sugar, spaghetti noodles and sauce, and feminine hygiene products. There are labeled, plastic containers on the far side of the social hall for any donations.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYONE IS EXPERIENCING HIGHER COSTS AND DO NOT EXPECT YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT IS PRESENTED. JUST LISTEN TO YOUR HEART AND ACT AS YOU SEE FIT.

SU Wesley Foundation – Exam Survival Kits will be packed on May 3 after the service. We have 250 bags to pack! Your help is appreciated.

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

NEWSLETTER – Submit information to Paul Nelson at pnelson37@gmail.com

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