

*Sung Benediction UMH 666

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

Shalom to You

Sha-lom to you now, sha-lom, my friends.
 May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
 In all your living and through your loving,
 Christ be your sha-lom, Christ be your sha-lom.

*Postlude

Improvisation

(Please remain standing and silent as the organ concludes our worship.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Kat Morilak in Honor of Dawson and Metallica Loveless.

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CRUCIFER Rory Stapleton

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MUSIC NOTES

Shalom to You

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GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES ON CAMPUS

Discussion on Sale of Cumberland Place | Today | 10:35am

The building has housed years of ministry and our Scouts. As our ministry at FUMC has changed, the Board of Trustees has prayerfully decided it is time to go through the process of selling that building.

The Trustees will host this information session for those who are interested in learning more about this process, what it means for FUMC, and for the Scouts. If you are unable to attend, we will have printed information available in the church office.

Choir Concert | Tuesday | May 5 | 7pm | Sanctuary

Walters State Community Choir and Blue Ridge Youth Choir will share an hour of engaging choral music.

Pizza with the Pastor | Wednesday | May 6 | 6pm

Join Pastor Asa to learn more about First United Methodist Church, the United Methodist denomination, and ways you can become involved in FUMC.



GROW TO BE LIKE JESUS

DISCIPLESHIP, TEACHING & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Joyful Hearts | Thursday | May 21 | 11am | Community Room

Living with Grief and Loss. Rev. Darris Doyal will share Biblical insights into grief.

He will guide us in ways in which we can rebuild faith and restore our sense of purpose. Darris is a former pastor of FUMC Morristown. He has been an active pastor for 46 years. He is an occasional poet and writer. Darris is a proud father, grandfather and great grandfather. In addition, Darris is a full time prankster.

Ben Stapleton, Director of Music Ministries at FUMC Morristown will look at hymns addressing grief and divine comfort. The program will consist of a morning session and a brief afternoon session that will follow lunch (catered by Jersey Girl). RSVP on the Church Center app or stop by the church office. Lunch \$10. Reservations due by May 18.



GO TO SERVE THE WORLD

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES OFF-CAMPUS & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Youth Breakfast

Sign up on the Church Center app or contact Lori Hotel if you or your group would like to provide breakfast for youth Sunday School.

Hands on Mission Kits | Due Today

See list of items in the Narthex.

Red Cross Blood Drive | Tuesday | June 30 | 1-6pm

You can sign up to participate in our blood drive now in the church office or on the Church Center app.

WELCOME TO First United Methodist Church

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May 3, 2026

Making disciples as we gather, grow, and go.

Sunday, May 3
STORIES that matter
 John 14:1-14 "You Know the Way"
 9AM TRADITIONAL | 11AM MODERN

WELCOME to **First United Methodist Church (FUMC)**. We would love to have you fill out your name and any information you feel comfortable sharing on the red attendance pad. If you need help with anything today, please contact one of our ushers, pastors, or security team members. We hope you will join us again as we *Gather, Grow, and Go* at FUMC.



GATHER



GROW



GO



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Liturgical Color: White

May 3, 2026

9:00am

Please remember to silence cell phones.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and devices for the hearing impaired are available for this morning's service. Please see an usher.

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* J. S. Bach
(text on UMH 142)

Choral Introit *This is the Day* Robert Wright

***Hymn** UMH 545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA
(verse 3- women only; verse 4- men only)

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 881 Anthony Cavallucci
The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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***Gloria Patri** UMH 70 *Glory be to the Father* MEINEKE

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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Asa

***Prayer for Illumination** Anthony Cavallucci

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

***New Testament Lesson** John 14:1-14
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Stories That Matter... You Know the Way* Pastor Asa

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***Hymn** UMH 620 *One Bread, One Body* ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Worship of God by Giving Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Harold Friedell
(text on UMH 632)

***Doxology** UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

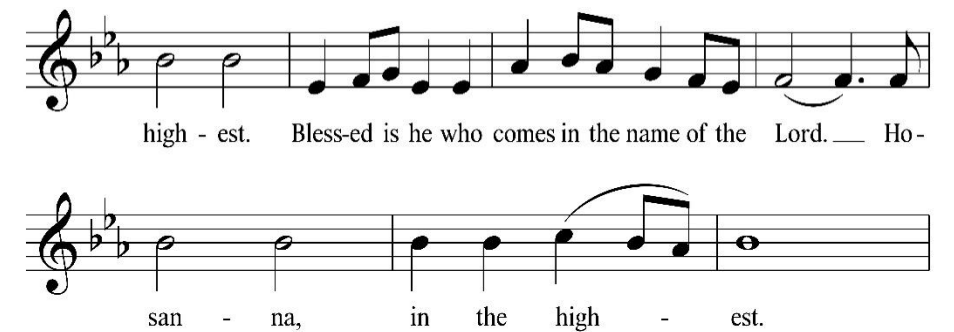
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:)

... as we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Sing as directed.)



(The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:) ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith. (Sing as directed)



(The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:) All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. (Sing as directed).



Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Instructions for Communion

All are invited to come to the table as you are able.

Please tell an usher if you would like to be served in the pew.

Gluten-free bread is served at the center station.

After being served, all are invited to kneel at the altar rail
Prepackaged wafers and juice are also available at the side stations.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Hymn** UMH 634 DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
Now Let Us From This Table Rise

*Benediction

(service continues over the fold)

