

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
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May 5, 2024
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Order of Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

*HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

UMH No. 173

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 10:44-48

John 15: 9-17

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Gentiles? Really?"

Rev. David S. Cooney, Ph.D.

HYMN

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

UMH No. 560

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Announcements

Offertory (11:00 AM)

"Sing Out A Song"

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH No. 94

*Prayer of Dedication

Receive these gifts, dear God, and let them be used for your purpose and glory. We offer them in the name of your risen Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they have failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation. Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. Amen.

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.

The 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.

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Communion Offering for Carroll County Food Sunday

Hymns during communion: #389, #128, #122

Prayer after Communion

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 to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

UMH No. 549

Verses 2-5

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE

Announcements

May 5, 2024

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be on May 12th & May 26th.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION Please let us know of any active members of EUMC who are graduating this year from High School or College. Send their names, where they are graduating from and what they will be doing after graduation to the office. We are so proud of our Graduates and we would like to recognize them on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at our 10 AM service.

SCHOLARSHIPS The EUMC undergraduate scholarship application is available now in the Narthex and at www.ebenezerumchurch.org under Resources. This scholarship is available to active church members (under age 23) for up to four years of undergraduate studies, including trade and vocational school. Applications are due no later than June 2nd.

VBS 2024 July 22nd thru July 26th, 6:00-8:30 PM. Mark your calendars now. If you are available to help for VBS week, please contact Cindi Arnold, darno455@aol.com. Sign up at <https://ebenezerunitedmethodistchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/> Music CD/Downloads are available now! This year we would like to ask for monetary donations toward our VBS dinners. If you would like to support this need, mark checks with VBS Dinners. Any questions please contact Sandy Wean.

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING WITH REV. JUDY on June 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM in room #1 across from the kitchen. Glass doors on the parsonage side will be unlocked. Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a member of Ebenezer UMC is invited to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are planning to join us for this gathering.

NEWSLETTER articles are due no later than Monday, May 27, 2024. If you have an article you want in the newsletter for your committee or event for June, July or August please get them into the office as soon as possible. Thank you!



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Office Hours

Tues, Wed & Thurs 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM - Noon

Nursery

Infants through Kindergarten during worship!

Pastor
Rev. Judy Emerson

Music Director
Linda Bange

Secretary
Lori Rapids

Co-Treasurers
Steve & Katie Cave

Nursery Coordinator
Lisa Humphries

Nursery Coordinator
Susan Rodriguez

Date	Offering	Attendance
Last Week: 04/28/24	\$5,241	75
Worship Leaders	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Ushers	Scott & Linda Dayhoff	Travis & Katy Saulsbury
Liturgist	Barb Conaway	Chuck Shacoichis
Acolyte	Kyle Flater	Ryan Pieciewicz
Date	Event	Time
Monday, May 6 th	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 7 th	Bible Study – Rev. Gray	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, May 8 th	Joyful Noise Chancel Choir	6:30-7:15 PM 7:30 PM
Thursday, May 9 th	Holly Mart Crafts Pachelbells	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM 6:45 – 7:30 PM
Friday, May 10 th	Youth Group – Sight & Sound Lock-In	3:30 – 11:30 PM 11:45 PM – 7:00 AM
Thursday, May 16 th	WOWs via Zoom	6:30 PM
Sunday, May 12 th & 26 th	Children's Church	11:00 AM

