



FIRSTCHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 10, 2026

Order of Worship

Worship Assistants (8) Scott and Judy Tench (10:30) Dennis West

Prelude

Words of Welcome/Call to Worship

Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

UMH 89

1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Joyful, Joyful we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music lead us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Children's Moment

Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH 92

1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This is our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower,

Sun and moon, and stars of light;

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,

For the heart and mind's delight,

For the mystic harmony

Linking sense to sound and sight;

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human love,

Brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above,

For all gentle thoughts and mild;

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For thy church, that evermore

Lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love;

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

6 For thyself, best Gift Divine,
To the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine,
Peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Scripture Genesis 1:1-5

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Special Music (8)

"What a Wonderful World"
Scott Tench, soloist; Judy Tench, piano

Anthem (10:30)

"O Love"
Chancel Choir
Dr. Woodrow Hodges, director
Margaret Lucke, piano

Elaine Hagenberg

Scripture Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Message

"Morning Has Broken"

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Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope and Justice

Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

Prayers

Offering

Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

UMH 145

1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Benediction

Postlude