



May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

First United Methodist Church
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*(†) The congregation is invited to stand as your able
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

This is the day that God has made.

We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

God, as the earth blossoms with colors,
and the scents of new life,
our spirits show forth the glory of your grace.

**For in raising Christ from death
you have given new life to us all.**

You have brought us to life with one Spirit breathing in us all.

**You have brought us out of our solitary tombs,
and made us alive in one body.**

You have given us your love,
and with Christ you have come and made your home with us.

**Alleluia! Awaken us to your presence, God,
and to Christ who is among us,
and the Spirit within us;
transform us by your grace,
that we may serve you faithfully
as the body of Your Risen Christ.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won-der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre-pare

Refrain
 that shall un-clasp and set me free.
 ev-ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

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OPEN MY EYES
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† SILENT PRAYER

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of vision and calling,

**You speak to us in the quiet of our hearts,
in dreams and nudges,
through the voices of those in need.**

You call us beyond comfort,

**beyond the familiar, yet too often we resist—
fearing the unknown, doubting our ability,
questioning whether we heard you at all.**

Forgive us, Lord,

**for the times we have chosen safety over obedience,
hesitation over trust,
and our own plans over your greater purpose.**

Open our hearts, O God, that we may listen,

follow, and serve where you send us. Amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Take heart and do not be afraid—

God, who calls us, also equips us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,

renewed, and sent forth with courage.

Let us walk boldly in the direction of God's vision.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson:

1 Kings 17:8-16

(Pg. 284) *

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
be all else but naught to me save that thou art
be thou my best thought In the day and the night
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom be thou my true word
be thou ever with me, and I with me, Lord
be thou my great father and I thy true son
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart
O Sovereign of Heaven my treasure thou art
great heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be thou my vision, be thou my vision
O ruler of all.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You Are My All in All

VERSE 1

**You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all**

CHORUS

***Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name***

VERSE 2

**Taking my sin, my cross my shame
rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up
when I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all**

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† GOSPEL LESSON: [John 5: 1-9](#) (Pg. 787) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

† CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

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SERMON: Ho-Soon Han



Courage to Follow a Vision

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

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*I surrender all, (I surrender all,)
I surrender all, (I surrender all,)
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

2. All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now.

REFRAIN

3. All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine.

REFRAIN

4. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me.

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5. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name!

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PRAYER SONG

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus 349

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.' The score consists of three systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part features a simple, steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines in the left and right hands.

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SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG

(See Above)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

† DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)



Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Message

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions that shall turn their hearts
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions that shall lift their hearts
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions - that the Lord who reign -
4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions who the path of sor -

to the right, a sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a sto - ry of
to the Lord, a song that shall con - quer e - vil and shat - ter the
eth a - bove hath sent us His Son to save us and show us that
row hath trod, that all of the world's great peo - ples might come to the

Refrain
peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.
spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.
God is love, and show us that God is love. For the
truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the dawn - ing to noon - day bright, and

Christ's great king - dom shall come to earth - the king - dom of love and light.

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Looking Ahead

Readings for May 29, 2025

Ascension Day

[Acts 1:1-11 / Psalm 47](#)

[Ephesians 1: 15-23 / Luke 24: 44-53](#)

Readings for June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

[Acts 16:16-34 / Psalm 97](#)

[Revelation 22:12-17, 20-21/ John 17:20-26](#)

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