

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD “Praise God” UMH# 95

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION “Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH #549

✠ SCRIPTURE READING *John 15:9-17, 1 John 5:1-6*

SERMON “This is Love” Rev. Howard James

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHP “Blessed be the Tie That Binds” UMH #557
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May God bless us with the strength to love one another as God loves each and every one of us, that we may find the complete, total, and everlasting joy that comes when we abide together with God who is Love. Amen.

✠POSTLUDE “Allegretto” A Hesse Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

*The flowers on the altar are given by Mr.& Mrs. Tom McLam.
In honor of teacher appreciation week for all public school teachers.*

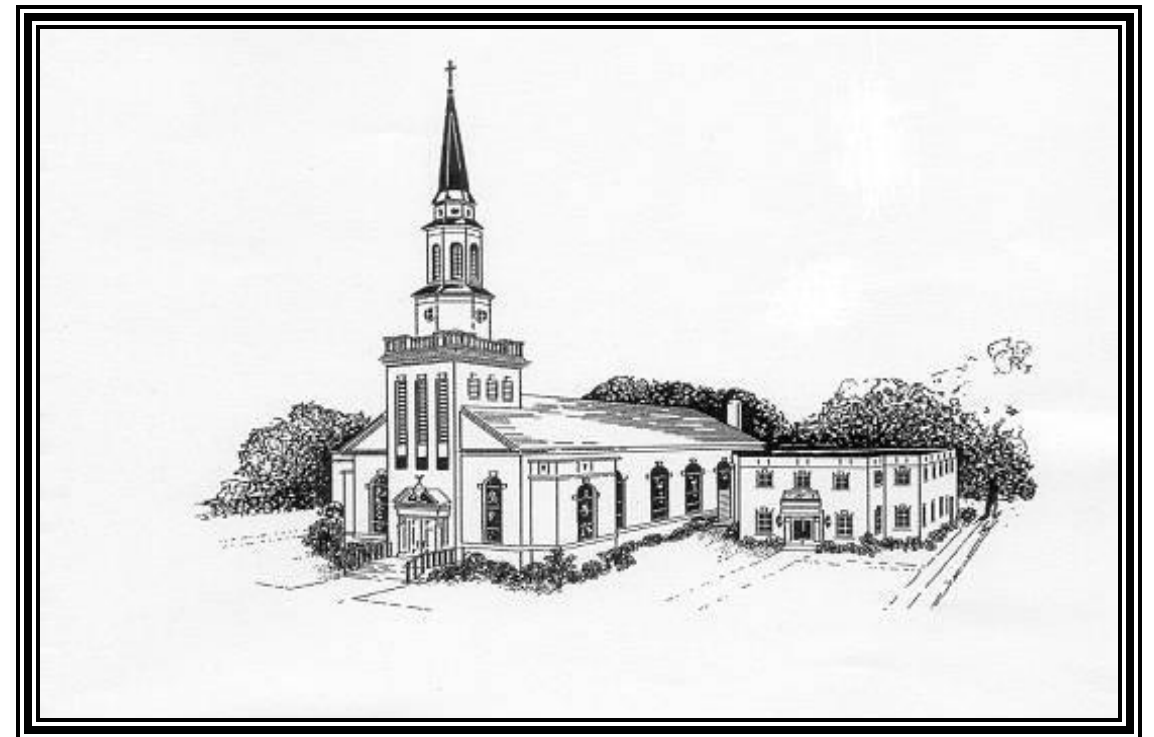
SERVING THIS MORNING

Greeters.....Rob Conway & Tom Leggett
Music Director.....L.A. Cothorn
Organist.....Nan Leggett
Pianist.....Geneva Ashley
Altar Committee.....Celia Lynch, Sandy Turner,
Margie Rabon, Elizabeth Gibson and Gina Deans

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Howard James

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church
As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here.

We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE

“Largo” Vivaldi / arr. Rawshorne

Nan Leggett, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Leader: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

People: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Leader: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

People: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Leader: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

People: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“O How I Love Jesus”

UMH #170

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Father God, we come here this morning to worship and to praise you. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations and lifestyles. Some are burdened down with the stresses of daily living and all that involves; some wearied from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and where that is all leading. Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all. Amen.

✠ 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.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: Heavenly Father, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom in this world, because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

People: God has remembered His steadfast love to all the people. We are healed and called to again be God's beloved children and witnesses. Receive that healing love and share the good news with all, that God is love and in God there is no darkness or fear. AMEN.

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Chancel Choir

“God's Table Divine” by Victor Johnson

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Handbell Rehearsals: Will resume in September.

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