

### Prayer Concerns

*Condolences to the family of Jonathon (husband of Deb and Joel C.'s granddaughter, Marissa) on his passing	*Condolences to the family of Ron C.'s brother's girlfriend, Beth Nagy, on her passing
*Condolences to the family of Will Stacho, on his passing	*Condolences to the family of Nancy Hanger, Barb B.'s cousin, on her passing
*Jim Y., lifted by Ellie Y.	Barb B.
*Jeannie B., lifted by Barb A.	

\*=1 week   °=2 weeks   °=3 weeks   °=4 weeks on prayer list

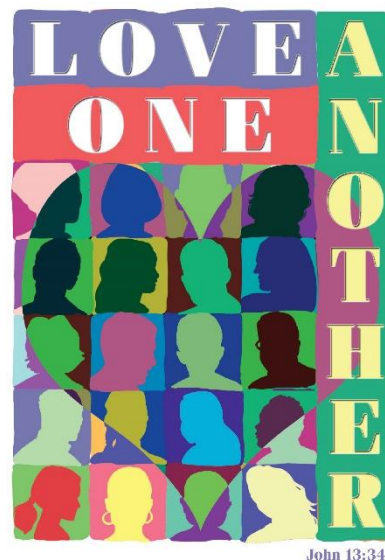
### This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/21 Linda Gorsuch                      5/22 Greg & Liz Lavelle  
 5/22 Zoe Bridges                        5/24 Josh Walsh  
 5/22 David & Janis Jarvis

### Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm  
 Liturgist: Chris Byrns  
 Organist: Javier Gonzalez  
 Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
 Greeters: Sarah Jackson, Greg Lavelle  
 Usher: Liz Lavelle  
 Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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Pastor

### Fifth Sunday of Easter/Heritage Sunday+

May 18, 2025    10:30 am

#### Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

P: And also with you.

#### Celebration of Ministries and Missions

*Prelude*

*Benediction*

Basil Harword

#### \*Call to Worship

Chris Byrns

L: In the beginning was the Dream.

P: And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.

L: In the beginning was the Dream.

P: And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.

L: In the beginning was the Dream.

P: And the Dream was with God and longed for love. We come to

worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.

**\*Unison Prayer**

Ever-dreaming God, come to us now, in this time, opening our imaginations to your promise for us, in us, and in all you have made. We pray in the name of your Dream made flesh, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**\*New Testament Reading**      Revelation 21:1-6

**\*Hymn**      *This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs. 1-4)*      UMH 383

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition** (unison) UMH 607

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. 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.

**Anthem**      *Come Down, O Love Divine*      arr. Joel Raney

**Penny Sunday**      District Camperships

**Thankfulness for Our Offerings**

**\*Doxology**      UMH 94

**\*Prayer for the Offerings**

**Gospel Reading**      John 13:31-35

**Hymn**      *The Gift of Love*      UMH 408

**Sermon**      "A Timeless Commandment"      Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**\*Hymn**      *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*      TFWS 2223

**\*Responsive Benediction**

L: Here is the commandment...love one another!

**P: Here is the commandment...love the planet that sustains us.**

L: Let this love flow through the ordinary and the miraculous as we help bring into being the kingdom of God, renewing the world.

**P: So be it. Amen.**

**Postlude**      *Alla Marcia*      Jonathan Battishil  
(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**·A Special Note About Heritage Sunday**

Heritage Sunday is a day when United Methodists ponder their past and envision their future as part of The United Methodist Church. Sacred stories are at the heart of our denomination's heritage. In 2025, the General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH) encourages local churches to lift up and celebrate stories from those who have been silenced in the past with its Heritage Sunday theme, "Sacred Stories: Ministries of LGBTQ+ United Methodists."