

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

May 10, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Sixth Sunday After Easter

**PRELUDE** (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**WELCOME** – *Hearing assistance and large print materials are available. Please see an usher.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Leader: Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives. Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms:

**People: "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you..." Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Leader: David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms:

**People: "But I have stilled and quietened my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me." Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Leader: Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings:

**People: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing." Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

**\*HYMN** *Since, Jesus Came...(vs 1-3)*

**FWS 2140**

**SCRIPTURE READING****Psalm 27:1-3**

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup>When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS****WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS****\*DOXOLOGY****UMH 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*BLESSING THE OFFERING****\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****UMH 881****\*GLORIA PATRI****UMH 71**

**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.**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS****PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**HYMN *God of Grace* (vs 1, 3, 4)****UMH 577****SCRIPTURE****Ephesians 6: 10-18**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against

the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**MESSAGE      "Lead Courageously"**

**\*HYMN    *I Am Thine (vs 1-3)***

**UMH 419**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go into your week, knowing that you are embraced by the love of God; a love that is sweeter and more tender than any you have ever known.

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION    *Family Prayer Song (vs 1)* FWS 2188**

**EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES**

**POSTLUDE**

**Music Director: Mike Nelson  
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift  
Liturgist: Laverne Gladmon**

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**BIBLE STUDY** – Meets on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

**OUTSIDE CHURCH SIGN** – Please see Roger to donate.

**FIRST BAPTIST FOOD BANK** – Requests include mini ravioli or any Chef Boyardee products, soups, grape jelly, boxed juices, toilet paper, canned corn and canned beans. Donations due the first Sunday of the month.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FAMILY SUPPORT** – Requests include: rice, beans, corn flour, vegetable oil, sugar, spaghetti noodles and sauce, and feminine hygiene products. There are plastic containers on the far side of the social hall for donations.

**UPCOMING DATES**

**May 19 (Tuesday) at 5:30 p.m. – Church Family Dinner at JoJos.**  
Please note the change in date due to a conflict the restaurant had. Please let Jean Powell know if you plan to attend.

**May 24 – Family Fun Nights Meeting**

**May 30 – God’s Kitchen**

**June 13 – Yard and Food Sale to benefit Missions Team** – Please start gathering items to donate.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – Call or text Pat Kern at 443-783-6423

**NEWSLETTER** – Submit information by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to Paul Nelson at [pnelson37@gmail.com](mailto:pnelson37@gmail.com)

**SOCIAL HOUR** – See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.

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