

Sunday, May 3, 2026
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, GOD SIGHTINGS, AND JOYS

Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin to register your attendance
and place in the offering plate when it is passed.

OPENING PRAYER

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (congregation response in **bold**)

Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Savior who redeems us and teaches us to boldly love one another as God loves us.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

We come to worship God by boldly loving and joyfully serving, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who are transforming the world. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

*May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

GATHERING HYMN

Together We Serve

FWS 2175

FAMILY TIME (children of all ages are invited to come forward)

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30)

Circle of Love

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 100 (NRSVA)

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,

1 Peter 4:8-11 (NRSVA)

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

SERMON

Serve Joyfully

Rev. Libby Themis

RESPONSIVE HYMN

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

The Jesus in Me

WS 3151

HOLY COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

UMH 89

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Richard Blanchard (Father of Leslie H., prayers for peace, comfort, & healing)

Steven & Mary Cairns (medical tests, procedures, & consults with new Dr.)

Family & Friends of Marilyn Coleman

Connie Stewart knee surgery 4/15

Leonard Schmitz (friend of Kent & Diane W., treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia)

Scot Budden (Pastor Libby's brother)

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:

Betty Cox, McKenna McGivney, Family & Friends of Jean Book, Bob Dishman,

Rachel Prichard, Tom Litke, Kathy Ducker, Barbara Webster-Haynes, Nathan

Robbins, Deb Daniel, Jamye Comp, Kim Decker, Jacque Havice, Macie Heller.

THOSE WORSHIPPING FROM HOME: Norris Marshall, Karen & Steve Crump,

Dorothy Veach, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Charles Spidell, Hope Higgins, Jim

Leyerzapf, Evelyn Carter, Barb and Carl Funston, Al Jones, Glen & Joan Dawson,

Don & Mary Rickley, Phyllis Welton, Pam Jackson, Myckie Spencer.

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Cory Donley, Colby Miller, Evan Middleton, Kayla Lee, Derek Lipson, Daelan

McKnight, Patrick Senart

THOSE IN AUTHORITY: The World Leaders, The President, the Governor, the Mayor, County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and other elected officials and the judiciary (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST IS SPONSORED BY

The Diedre Dunham Memorial Fund.

CENTRAL KANSAS INTERFAITH JUSTICE ORGANIZATION

On Sunday, May 3 following our 10:30 am worship we will have Rev. Jeanne Koontz here with us to talk about the Central Kansas Interfaith Justice Organization and how we can work together ecumenically to stand for justice in our region. Please mark your calendars and invite others in the community who may be interested.

ALTAR ITEMS

We encourage you to bring items from other countries you have visited to place on the altar as we consider the needs of our neighbors around the world.

JOIN US FOR A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

Sunday morning starting on May 10 at 9:30 a.m. the Questors Sunday School group will begin a new Adam Hamilton Study called The Holy Spirit.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join Wendy and her crew every Wednesday in June for Vacation Bible School!

This summer we invite youth K-5 to take part in the SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE. More information will be available in the coming weeks. If you know a child that would like to participate, please visit with Wendy.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

May continues our collection of items for the 2026 Operation Christmas Child Boxes! This month is Personal Hygiene items: fun bandaids, brushes, combs, toothbrushes, socks, nail clippers, files. **Please, no toothpaste or liquids.**

ABILENE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for all the donations and support of the Abilene Food Pantry during the month of April. What a blessing your support is to those in need.

COMMUNITY MEAL

The Community Meal is served the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, at 5:00 p.m., Sterl Hall, 619 N. Rogers. Please contact Jacque Saffell, 785-342-6223 or Toni Schwarting, 785-479-6353 with questions or to volunteer.

AUBURN MEDICINE LIDS AND BEST CHOICE LABELS

The Questors Sunday School class continues to collect Best Choice labels and Auburn Medicine lids to raise money. You can bring your donations to the office any time during regular hours or on Sunday mornings.

COOKIES/BREAD FOR SUNDAY MORNING

We are always in need of cookie/treat donations for Sunday mornings and bread for our visitors. Please bring donations to the office on Sunday mornings or during office hours M-Th 8-12. Thank you for your generosity!

WE ARE ON THE RADIO AND STREAMING ONLINE

If you can't make it to church, but would like to listen to our service live, simply tune into KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM at 10:30 a.m. You can also stream the worship service at abilenefirstumc.org.

OFFERING Needed each Sunday - \$ 5870.81 Last Sunday - \$ 1326.00

Noisy Sunday Offering - \$ 76.00

The May issue of The Disciple is now available! It was emailed out on Thursday, if you didn't receive it, please check your spam folder or let the office know. Hard copies are available on the greeting table in the Narthex. Do you have a unique hobby or collection that you would like to share with the congregation? We are looking for ideas for upcoming issues!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

MONDAY, MAY 4 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

- 10:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group - 208
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Design Meeting - 200
- 5:30 p.m. Core Meeting - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA/NA Meeting - B9

TUESDAY, MAY 5 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

- 10:00 a.m. Exercise Group - Narthex
- 11:00 a.m. Retired Teachers Luncheon - Wright Hall
- 7:00 p.m. What's Next Meeting - 200

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Office
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light - Peatling Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Missions & Outreach Meeting - 200
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Peatling Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 7 OFFICE HOURS 8-12 NOON

- 9:30 a.m. EOTT Guild- Hospice Committee - Peatling Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 8 OFFICE CLOSED

Happy Birthday Glen Dawson!

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Happy Birthday Mary Jane Oard!

SUNDAY, MAY 10 Mother's Day / Student Sunday

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM or 95.9 FM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. "UMH" stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (blue book); "FWS" stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and "WS" stands for *Worship and Song* (green book).

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision: A church of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Piano: Angie Hoerner

Liturgists: Kevin Bailey & Pearl Acheson

Slides/Sound/Livestream: Heather Heger & Cecilia Clemence

Gospeltality Greeters 8:15: Keith & Barb Emig

10:30: Janice Hoffman & Bette Engelhaupt

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