



# Church of the Apostles UCC

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026*  
*10 AM In-Person & Online Worship*

## Welcome!

“No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!” More than words, we are all here because of God’s love, grace, and mercy. This is a community united by the honesty of our shared brokenness and the healing we receive through Christ.

**Get Connected:** Use a Welcome Card to share your presence and prayer requests with us. To get more connected, signup online for the “Weekly Announcements” and “Crown Newsletter,” like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram, give us a call, or send an email. It is our joy to know you!

**Children:** There are toys and activity bags for children in the Children’s Corner for use, as children are always welcome to remain in worship.

**Connection Cards:** We ask that all worshippers complete a “Connection Card” located in the pew rack near you. This allows us to know who was with us. They can also be used to give prayer requests or suggestions. These may be placed in the offering plates which will be passed following the sermon.

**First-Time Guests:** After worship, please visit our Welcome Center, where a congregation member will be available to answer your questions and provide a packet of information about our church. This is also where you'll receive a connection card to fill out, helping us stay connected with you!

**Offerings:** Any physical offerings you have brought can be placed in the offering plates which we will pass following the sermon. Electronic gifts may be given through the QR code on the bulletin or the one on a slip in the pew rack. Or Text 'COA' to 73256 with the amount you want to give.

**Restrooms:** Are available in the hallway to your left when you exit the sanctuary.

**Electronic Devices:** Remember to silence your device during worship. Wi-Fi is provided through "VisitorWifi." No password is needed.

**You are a blessing:** Let us know how we might better partner with you in this journey of faith and life. If you have thoughts, recommendations, or simply would like to join in prayer, we would love to hear from you!

## **Selected Scripture Readings**

Acts 10:44-48 & John 14:15-21

## **Worship Leaders**

Minister – All Members  
Preacher – Rev. Kathryn Kuhn  
Greeter – Leah Carr  
Reader – Bernie Fickes  
Ushers – Marty Holmes,  
Jane McCartney & Bonnie Medved  
Special Music – Bell Choir  
Director of Music – Lars Potteiger  
Praise Band Director – Nathan Sheffer

Drums – Nathan Moore  
Bass – Charli Schultz  
Guitar – Ben Young  
Vocals – Johanna & Jan Baker,  
Apostles Adult Choir  
Streaming – Jaben Jury  
Sound – Bill Stock  
Projection – Luci Stoltzfus

## **Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship**

In Loving Memory of Candy Cunningham by Dick Cunningham  
In Loving Memory of Gladice & Betty Holmes

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# Order of Worship

## We Gather in Your Presence

**Gathering Music:** *"To God Be the Glory"* – arr. Sue

**Focus Scripture:** *Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by God. - John 14:21a*

### Welcome

### Explaining the Easter Season

Choir: Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,  
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.  
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,  
Dare to dance again!

**All Singing: Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,  
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.  
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,  
Dare to dance again!**

Reader: The sun breaks through the clouds.

**All: We lift up our heads to meet the day.** *(Look upwards.)*

Reader: We know that God is at work in our lives. *(Turn your palms up.)*

**All: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.**  
*(Place your hands on your heart.)*

Reader: And when rain comes again, we will open our umbrellas  
and set out anyway

**All: For we are called to dance again!**

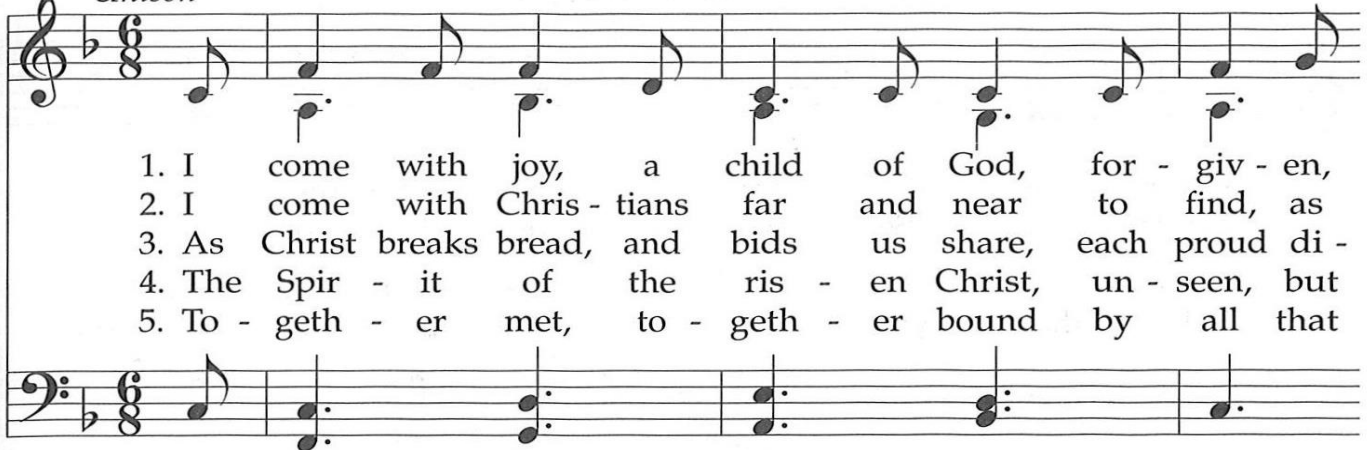
### Prayer

**All: Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – Let us be open to learn from the dances of others. Open us to new steps for a new day. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.**

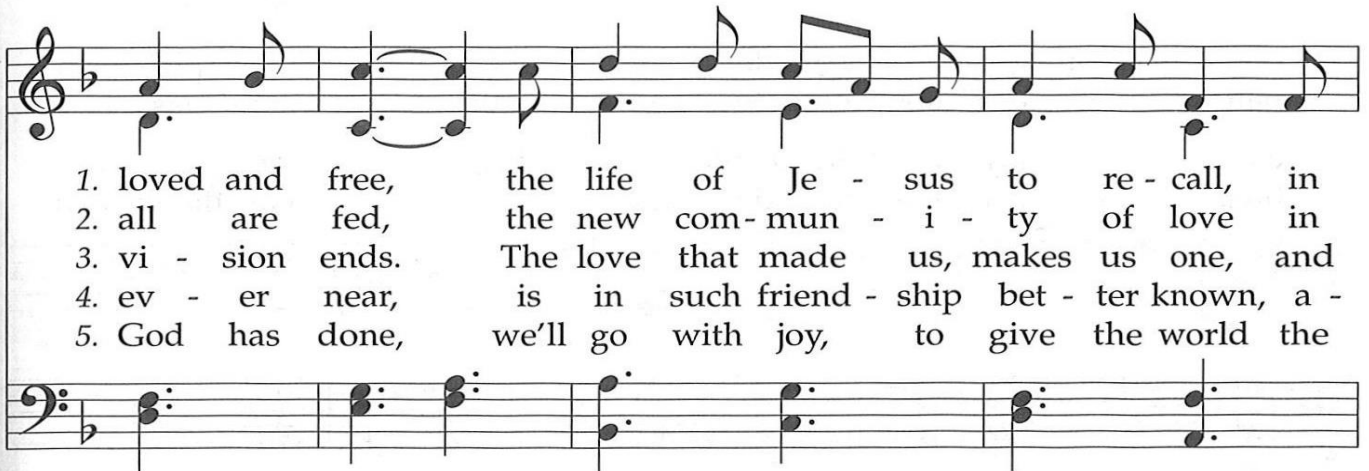
*(Please rise in body and/or spirit.)*

**Song: "I Come with Joy" St. 1-4 (Chalice #420)**

*Unison*



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as  
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -  
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that



1. loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
2. all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in  
3. vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
4. ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
5. God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



1. love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
2. Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3. strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
4. live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
5. love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*(Please be seated)*

## Remembering Who We Are

Leader: Reflecting on our lives this past week, we regret...

*(Finish this sentence aloud or silently.)*

Leader: Holy One, we did not recognize you...

*(Finish this sentence aloud or silently.)*

Leader: We did not love our neighbors when...

*(Finish this sentence aloud or silently.)*

Leader: Forgive us, we pray.

**All: We forgive those who hurt us by...**

*(Finish this sentence aloud or silently.)*

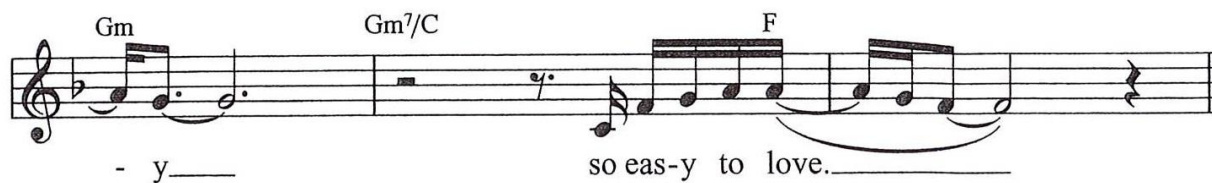
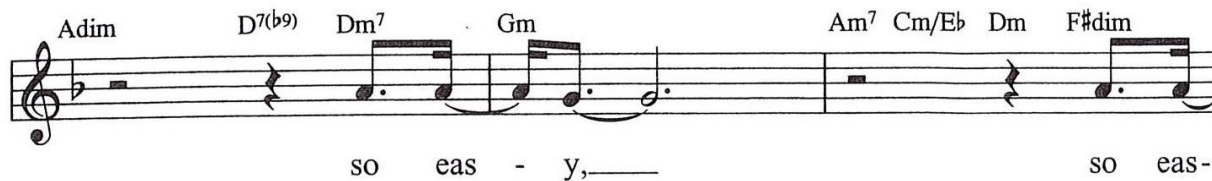
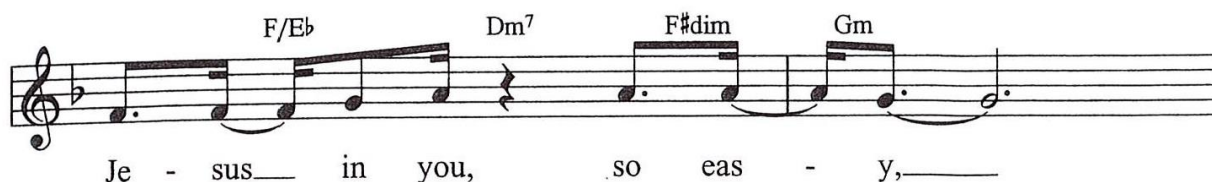
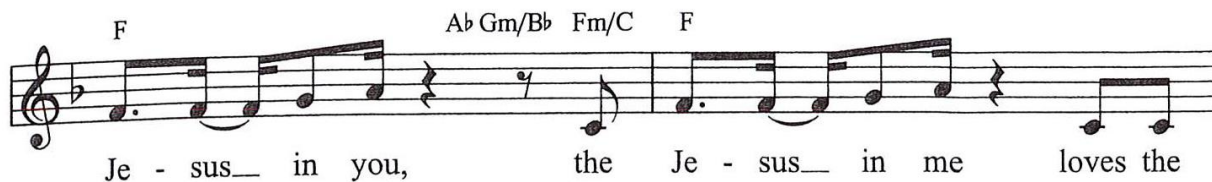
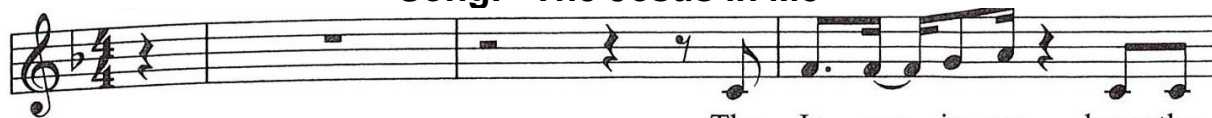
**All: and we release our anger about...**

*(Finish this sentence aloud or silently.)*

**All: Forgive us as we forgive others. Amen**

## Remembering Who God Is

### Song: "The Jesus in Me"



## Children's Time

### We Listen for Your Word

**Scripture Readings:** Acts 10:44-48 (Pew Bible, NT 130)  
John 14:15-21 (Pew Bible, NT 109)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Contemporary Words:** "Loving & Obeying"

### We Respond to Your Word

#### Generosity Moment

**Special Music:** *"I Never Touched a Rainbow"* - Artman

#### Prayers of the People

*(Believing in God's truth, we open ourselves as God's servants through prayer.)*

#### "Teach Me to Dance"

Choir: Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,  
teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,  
teach me to [move] in the light of your presence,  
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.

Leader: For the beauty of the world in all its diversity, we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Hear us pray together...

**All: May our gratitude to you fill our days.**

Leader: Hear us pray together...

**All: Come, O God, and restore our lives.**

*Sing:*

**Teach me to pray in the power of Easter,  
following Christ in a life resurrected,  
teach me to act with compassion and justice,  
teach me to dance with the beat of your heart.**

Leader: Hear us pray together...

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

*Sing:*

Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,  
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,  
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,  
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.

**All:** 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 as we forgive others. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Returning to the World

*(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

**Song: "You Shall Go Out with Joy"**



You shall go out with joy — and be led forth with peace; — the



moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; there'll be



shouts of joy, — and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their



hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, — the



trees of the field will clap their hands, — the trees of the



field will clap their hands — while you go out with joy.

## Benediction

Leader: And all God's people said,

**All: Amen!**

**All: God's love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.**

## Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: You are not alone.

**All: You are not alone.**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Sending Music:** *"The Power of Your Love"* - Bullock

*Go into all the world to love and serve those who are afraid or powerless following Jesus' example!*

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**Prayers of Joy and Concern**

(as of printing on 5/6/2026)

Joys: Congratulations to Dr. Nate Sheffer; Pat Hess' Healing; Holly's granddaughter's healing progress; Mark Achtermann's Seminary Completion; "The Librarians" documentary.

Concerns: Pat DiDomenico; Family & Friends of Sydney; Family & Friends of Jeff; Scott Moore's Brother, Paul; Lisa Christoffel; Monica Daniels; Monica's Brother, Al; Jean Cunningham; Ken Keller; Michele Wherley's Father; Kit Mariah's Brother, Jerry; Rev. Patty Dodds; Karen Braun; Bill Hager's Friend, Alex; Fredericka Smith; The Hess' friend Jim, Beth Thompson, Cathy Kenlin's friend, Jan Baker's friends at Willow Valley, Those affected by the fire at Spring Manor Apts, those who burned a PRIDE flag be caught

Our Compassion Team members are available by calling (717) 475-5285.  
To add your prayers of joy and concern, email [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org)  
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

## APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP REMINDER** – Exciting changes are on the horizon as our Sanctuary renovations begin on May 20. Our final worship service in the Sanctuary will be on May 17, and we invite all who can stay after worship to help remove Bibles, hymnals, and other materials from the pew racks. Beginning May 24, worship will move to the Bachman Center. For those joining us online, please note that audio and visual quality may be lower during this temporary transition.

**MAY INCLUSIVE CHURCH FOCUS** – Being thoughtful about people with invisible disabilities requires intentional awareness. Because these conditions are not immediately visible, they are often misunderstood or overlooked. Yet roughly one in four adults' lives with a disability, and most of these are not apparent. It is important to assume, in any shared space, that someone may be navigating an invisible disability – even if no outward signs are present. To learn more, visit the Inclusive Church display and Q&A signs in the Narthex or online at [apostlesucc.org/inclusive-refuge](https://apostlesucc.org/inclusive-refuge).

**MAY HYMN SING** – Join Music Director, Lars Potteiger, for an uplifting Hymn Sing on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM in the Choir Room! All are welcome to celebrate in song and community. Don't miss this joyful event.

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH** – The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering is a special United Church of Christ initiative that builds up the Body of Christ by supporting leadership development, youth ministry, new church starts, and innovation in existing congregations. Gifts are shared between our Conference and the national setting, multiplying the impact of every donation. Give through Realm or by using a giving envelope marked for Strengthen the Church.

**BABY SHOWER** – This spring, Church of the Apostles is hosting a Baby Shower to support the Healthy Beginnings program at LGH. From April through May, you can participate by selecting a tag from the poster on the Outreach bulletin board, purchasing the listed baby item, and placing it in the Caring Cart in the Narthex by May 31.

**MAY MOCKTAILS & MEANING™** – Join us for our May 21, 2026, Mocktails & Meaning™ gathering at 6:30 PM for a powerful and eye-opening conversation led by Brad Orteni, Eastern USA Regional Director of ZOE International and Coordinator of the Berks & Lancaster County Human Trafficking Task Forces. This session will explore how traffickers recruit and control victims, the psychological realities of trauma bonding, and how local task forces respond through both enforcement and prevention. Time will be set aside for questions and dialogue. We'll be serving a Mai Tai Mocktail as we engage in this important and impactful conversation. Register by scanning the QR Code!



**ASKING THE HARD QUESTIONS** – This meaningful series, begun by our seminary intern, Deklan Lewis, will continue as he has accepted our offer to stay on as an intern. Each session will include a short video clip followed by a thoughtful discussion. To prepare, participants are encouraged to see *Project Hail Mary* in theatres now. Join the conversation on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM or Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Parlor.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE** – Our Where Welcome Grows: 50-Year Renewal campaign is underway! Together, we've already raised \$250,130.86 toward our new \$290,000 goal. Due to rising project costs, we've increased our campaign goal to ensure we can fully complete the planned renovations. We're excited to share that we're preparing to begin renovations in late May. Learn more by visiting the display in the Narthex, online at [apostlesucc.org/wherewelcomegrows](http://apostlesucc.org/wherewelcomegrows), or by emailing Melissa Kosman at [admin@apostlesucc.org](mailto:admin@apostlesucc.org)