

# Mt. Lebanon UMC

May 5, 2024

11:00 AM



## Many thanks to our ministers in today's Worship Service:

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**This week's altar flowers are  
in honor of Barbara Furman,  
Berniece Godfrey & Diane Deutschman**  
Courtesy of Amy Furman

## Prayer Joys and Concerns

Dick and Ruth Johnson; Kim Bernard; Barbara Furman; Bernice Godfrey; Kay Shoemaker; Cathie Duffy; Barbara Videtto; Sylvia Eubanks; Linda Conner; Jeanne Conner; Eric Lindsay; Pam Parrett (kidney transplant); Tracy Hopkins; Alexandra West; Seth Weaver; Harry West; Linn McKenry; Jay Dickerson; Christopher West

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POSTLUDE – I Am Your Mother – Shirley Murray, Per Harling

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## Announcements

- Our Easter Season sermon series is called “Sent.” It is about the apostles’ next steps in their post-Jesus ministry, which can instruct the Church today as to our purpose and calling in the world.

## Important Dates

- May 12
  - Moments for Mission Speaker
    - Rev. Kevin Smith with Habitat for Humanity
- May 14
  - Trustees Meeting @ 7 PM
- May 15
  - Baking for Emmanuel Dining Room
    - Need volunteer bakers please!
    - See Iva if interested
- May 22
  - Missions Team Meeting @ 5 PM
    - Rescheduled from May 15
- May 23
  - Pre-Annual Conference on ZOOM @ 7 PM
- May 27
  - Memorial Day Service of Remembrance
    - Outside Chester Bethel’s Thrift Shop
    - Time TBD

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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Ascension Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – A Mother Lined a Basket

Mary Keithahn, John Horman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (for Ascension Day, based on Ps. 47)<sup>1</sup>

Leader: Ascended God, we praise you for the mighty power of your royal reign!

People: **Glorious and Righteous King of all things: we come today to worship you.**

Leader: Ascending God, we give thanks for your continuing reign of truth and love.

People: **“Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise!”**

Leader: LORD Most High God, Creating King of all that was and is, and all that will be:

People: **we sing our praises and offer our thankful prayers for all your gifts to us.**

Leader: Awe-inspiring God, the Alpha and the Omega:

All: **we revere your Holy Name, and yearn for the time you’re your Kingdom of justice and peace is realized in its fullness.**

\*OPENING HYMN – “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”  
FWS #2050

OPENING PRAYER

**Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from original found on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2019/05/opening-prayer-for-ascension-day-psalm.html>.

**Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from 1 Cor 15:1-6 and Col 1:15-20)  
UMH #888

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC – A Blessing – Jeffrey H. Rickard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy One, come to us in the reading of your Word. Open us to your Spirit's presence in our hearts and minds, so that our lives may be a vessel for your truth, which brings hope to the world. Amen.<sup>3</sup>**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 47  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:1-11

SERMON “Sent: Jesus Ascended – So Now What?”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”  
FWS #2051

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS  
PASTORAL & MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER  
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.**

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS – Rev. Kevin Smith

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to give in one of the following ways:*

- 1. You may place your cash or check offering into plates during offering time*
- 2. You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church office*
- 3. You may find us online and click the “donate” button to access our PayPal and give via credit card*

*Thank you for your donations and the ways in which you all use your gifts to work as Christ's hands and feet in the world!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY – Happy the Home When God Is There  
John B. Dykes

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

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

\*CLOSING HYMN – Hymn For Mother's Day  
*(see hymn lyrics insert)*

PRAYER OF BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>

**Risen and ascended Lord Jesus, when we are numbed by the suffering of this world, take us back to the deep truth of your power and glory, of your invincible Kingdom, and of your promise of reconciliation. In the knowledge of this truth, help us to bring our gaze to earth and to find the strength to go into the world, so that we might do your will on earth as in heaven. Let us serve with you in building your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

<sup>2</sup> The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

<sup>3</sup> Adapted from original found on <https://peacefulpebbles.blog/tag/prayers-of-illumination/>.

<sup>4</sup> Adapted from original found on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/prayer-building-kingdom.html>.