

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Communion Sunday

May 6, 2018 11:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude "Praise to the Lord" (Walther) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Sing joyful songs to God!

P: Alleluia! We are Ester people!

L: God's love for us is forever.

P: Jesus makes us into friends.

L: Sing joyful songs to God!

P: Alleluia! We are Ester people! Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King" **UMH 61**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

"Loving God, may Your Spirit fall upon us during our time of worship. May Your commandments to love one another transform our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. May Your praise be heard throughout the world, that all may come together as one and bear the fruit of eternal life. Amen."

Anthem "No Greater Alleluia" (Martin) Sanctuary Choir

Children's Message

Hymn of Response "There's Something About That Name" **UMH 171**

Prayer of Petition (unison)

"Lord Jesus, You reach across every boundary, even death itself, and draw us into loving intimacy with You. Forgive us for resisting Your love and send us into the world to proclaim Your love. Give us Easter lives, for You alone have the power to save us. Amen."

New Testament Acts **10: 44-48** Linda Thompson

Epistle Lesson 1 John **5: 1-6**

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

***Hymn of Faith**

"Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"

UMH 331

Message

"Being Born of God"

Rev. Wayne Chung

Our love for God is not distinct from our love for God's people. Who are they? God loves those who are not like us, and even those whom we do not like. We are in May, yet, it is still Easter!

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory

"Lamb of God" (Paris)

Sanctuary Choir

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving-The Lord's Prayer-Sharing of the Bread and Cup **UMH 15-16**

Communion Hymns: UMH 334 Sweet, Sweet Spirit, 328 Surely the Presence of the Lord, 354 I Surrender All, 378 Amazing Grace

Pastoral Prayer

***Closing Hymn** "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" **UMH 333**

Sending Forth with God's Blessing

***Hymn Response** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" **UMH 557**

Postlude "God of Our Fathers" (arr. McDonald) Sandy Griese

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*The flowers on the altar today are presented by Fred & Carolyn Distler
in appreciation to all of those who share their time and talents*

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Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Jay Lounsbury's sister Ann Curry (upcoming hip surgery), Keith & Connie Ulrich following the death of Keith's mother Henrietta Ulrich, Jennifer Greiner's sister-in-law Melissa (suffering from cancer) and her family, Connor Goonan, Tim Gillikin – recovering from a fall, Jane Bowman, Helen McGill, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 236
 Average Weekly Worship Attendance 202

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-March 2018					
	Actual		Budget		Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$83,580		\$89,962		(\$6,382)	-7%
Missions Fund	\$5,522		\$4,911		\$611	12%
P&I Fund	\$6,237		\$3,951		\$2,286	58%
Building Fund	\$14,785		\$14,318		\$467	3%
Kitchen Fund	\$7,135		\$2,495		\$4,640	186%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	21	Other	6	YTD Cereal	483

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$122,706/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$326,596 as of March 31, 2018

Our Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Children & Youth Ministry Coord.	Courtney Eversfield, cymc@friendshipmethodist.org
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Karen Eggert & Chuck Muller
Ushers	Richard Chaney & Wheeler Green
Altar Guild for May	Minerva Moreland (410-741-5282)
Friendship Hour	Get Ready for Moses (Robyn Miller)
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Pastor	Rev. Wayne Chung 443.646.5653 leadpastor@friendshipmethodist.org

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 11:00 am Worship Service



THE
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 SPIRIT
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 WHO HEARD
 THE WORD.

ACTS 10:44, ESV

Our Mission: “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
 Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

Our Motto: ”Each One, Reach One!”