

TEN DAYS OF PRAISE

ASCENSION DAY TO PENTECOST

MAY 14, 2026 – MAY 24, 2026

UNITED IN PRAYER

“Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Phillip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.” Acts 1:12-14 NIV

Journey from Easter to Pentecost

Remembering Holy Week

We began the season of Easter by reflecting on the significant events of Holy Week. During this sacred time, we recalled all that Jesus did at the Last Supper. As we partook of the bread and the juice, we remembered their deep meaning: symbols of Christ’s body broken for us and His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. The week continued as we entered into the darkness of Good Friday, a day marked by solemn remembrance of Jesus’ crucifixion. This was followed by the quiet stillness of Holy Saturday, when His body lay in the tomb and His followers waited in sorrow and uncertainty.

The Joy of Easter Morning

But then, on Easter morning, everything changed. With hearts full of joy, the church once again bursts into celebration, proclaiming the good news: the tomb is empty and “He is Risen!” This triumphant declaration fills us with hope and reminds us of the victory we share in Christ’s resurrection.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples. First, He came to Mary Magdalene, and then to the other disciples. In these moments, Jesus met those He loved right where they were—amid their sadness, confusion, doubt, and fear at the loss of their teacher, their Rabbi. He came to them and brought reassurance, just as He meets each of us in our own times of doubt and fear. Through the Spirit of Christ, our Comforter and Counselor, we are reminded of Jesus’ words: *“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe”* (John 20:29).

United in Prayer

Many other things happened after Jesus' resurrection. As recorded in Acts 1, the disciples gathered together in the upper room, just as Jesus had taught them. There, they remained steadfast and united in prayer.

Ten Days of Praise: Ascension to Pentecost

During the days between Ascension Day (May 14, 2026) and Pentecost (May 24, 2026), we at Fishers United Methodist Church are invited to join Christians everywhere in a special time of prayer and praise. We are using a wonderful resource published by WayMakers and written by Steve Hawthorne. This prayer guide will lead us through Ten Days of Praise as we give thanks for what Jesus has done and prepare to celebrate Pentecost. The resource is designed to both challenge and warm our hearts. We hope you will choose to participate in this meaningful time of worship and unity between Ascension Day and Pentecost 2026!

We believe you will be blessed!

Prayer Team