

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018 11:00 am

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

Prelude "Blessed Quietness" (Paxton) Sandy Griese

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Come to the house of love.

P: As we abide in love, we abide in God.

L: Come to the vineyard of grace.

P: Abide in the vine and bear the fruit of salvation.

L: Welcome and embrace the Holy Spirit among us.

P: Abide in God's Spirit and abide in peace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" **UMH 158**
Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

"God of love, we lift our hearts in thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Your love. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, guide us to not only lift up our hearts in worship, but to offer our hearts in love. Amen."

Recognition of High School Seniors and a Special Recognition (see bulletin insert)

Children's Message Voices In Praise

Anthem "Shine" (Nick Page) Voices In Praise

Prayer of Petition (unison)

"Dear God, plant us in the soil of Your love, for Christ is our vine and we are the branches. In everything we say and in everything we do, help us abide in the vine, that we may bear the fruit of Your love and grace. Amen."

New Testament Acts **8: 26-40** Lily Kennedy

Epistle Lesson 1 John **4: 7-21**

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** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" **UMH 172**

Message "Have You Ever Seen God?" Rev. Wayne Chung
No one has ever seen God and lived. Is there a way for us to see the Immortal, Infinite, Invisible? God is love. There is no room in love for fear. A fearful life is not fully formed in love.

Giving in Response to God's Love
Offertory "Let the River Run" (arr. Craig Hella Johnbson) Voices In Praise

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH 94**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** "Oh How I Love Jesus" **UMH 170**

Sending Forth with God's Blessing

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

Postlude "Trumpet Tune" (Handel) Sandy Griese

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*The flowers on the altar today are presented by Jim & Sharon Fowler
in memory of Tom Fowler's May 1st birthday*

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Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: 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 165
 Average Weekly Worship Attendance 200

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	24	Other	0	YTD Cereal	462

*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 Boyd & Drew Venters
Ushers	Jay Lounsbury
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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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 11:00 am Worship Service



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

Our Motto: "Each One, Reach One!"