

Welcome: At Front Street, we follow a rhythm of prayer and worship found in *The United Methodist Hymnal*. *The United Methodist Hymnal* (UMH) is the red, hardbound book found in the pew racks. *The Faith We Sing* (TFWS) is the black, softbound book located behind the UMH in the pew racks. An asterisk (\*) indicates to stand, where able. The people's responses are printed in **bold**. Before the worship service, we invite you to prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. After the worship service, green recycling boxes can be found in the narthex for disposal of worship guides. Thank you for helping us with our creation care.

## GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 311 Now the Green Blade Riseth  
FRENCH CAROL**

-Ancient Irish

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way, as we hear again your Word for us today. Amen.

<b>SCRIPTURE LESSONS</b>	<b>Psalms 31:1-5 *John 21:15-19</b>	OT Page 505 NT Page 116
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**SERMON**                  **Echoes from the Tomb** Rev. Ray Warren

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. If you would prefer to make your contribution via Text-to-Give, just text your offering amount to FSUMC's dedicated number, 336-489-GIVE (4483).

**OFFERTORY**

**O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go** John Beck  
Luc Stadler, baritone (1930-1987)  
trans. Craig Courtney  
(b. 1954)

O Love, that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

-George Matheson (1842-1906)

**\* DOXOLOGY** **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus  
Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! UMH No. 94

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your holy ears hear us and never miss a word. Cry after cry and prayer after prayer we lay our burdens at your feet. Sometimes, we receive an answer and we celebrate. Other times, we miss your answer and we wonder, just as the psalmists did, are you listening God? But we know deep down that you are. It is we who need to practice listening to you. Forgive us, Lord, for our mouths are open more than our ears.

**Forgive us, Lord, for not hearing your response to our prayers. Forgive us, Lord, for not hearing when you speak to us first. Our repentance today is silence, Lord, so that in this moment we might hear the echoes of what you have already said.** (Pause in silence to listen to God.)

<b>SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>UMH No. 24</b>
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>	<b>(Musical Setting E)</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	
<b>The Sharing of Bread and Cup</b>	

*If you are unable to come forward for communion, please acknowledge an usher to be served where you are seated.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**   **Nocturne, Op. 37, No. 1**   Frédéric Chopin  
(1810-1849)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 381  
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
BRADBURY

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      **Two Pieces from *Judas Maccabeus***  
**1. See, the Conqu'ring Hero Comes!**  
 George Frideric Handel  
 (1685-1759)

**WELCOME!** We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Steve and Betty Massey.

**YOUNG DISCIPLES ON COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Today we celebrate communion, and there is no formal children's church during this service. All children are invited to remain in the service to participate in communion (i.e. community). The nursery will remain open for children up to age 5.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Elizabeth Michelle Bradley and William Thomas Steele, II on May 6, 2023 by Tom and Kim Steele.

**MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD** serving in May are Marianna Harris, Teresa Chandler, Nancy Hamby, and Susan Taylor.

We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

Lay Reader: Linda Weavil

**MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE** serving in May are Mary Holden Burke, Elizabeth Fonville, Mary Zeta Hornaday, Carol Hoxie, Jo Ann Nash, and Janice Whitlatch. If you are interested in serving on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Marie Crissman at 336-260-2512 or marie.crissman@gmail.com.

**THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team member Sandra Hughey, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

**AT THE TABLE:** be sure to watch and share the latest *At the Table* video premiering **Friday morning** at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.

**MAY FOOD LIST FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY**

Our Backpack Ministry at Eastlawn Elementary (a C4C mission) provides meals for food-insecure children who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend. In May, we are collecting the following items: canned peas, cheese and crackers, mac and cheese, oatmeal, and peanut butter (plastic jars). Please deposit donations outside the church office.

**CEREAL SUNDAY**

**Today** is Cereal Sunday at FSUMC! Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you.

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT APARTMENT SET UP**

The Front Street UMC mission team is gathering and accepting donations during the **month of May** to set up one or two apartments for refugee families who will be resettled in the Burlington area through Church World Services. There are storage bins, along with an information table, set up in the Welcome Center (under the bulletin boards) to accept donations and answer questions.

**EASTLAWN ELEMENTARY OPPORTUNITIES**

As the school year wraps up, we have some opportunities to support our C4C school, Eastlawn Elementary. Teacher appreciation is the week of May 8-12. We will be honoring the Eastlawn teachers with a breakfast on **May 9**. If you can donate items, please sign up at frontstreetumc.org.

In addition, we have the great joy of hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony for the students, staff, and families of Eastlawn. We will need many people helping to greet people as they arrive and host a brief reception for the students and families. If you are able to help with this event on **June 9** or bring refreshments, please sign up at frontstreetumc.org.

Thank you for helping the C4C ministry continue to grow and thrive!

**YOUTH MISSION STOCK SALE REMINDER**

We are closing in on the end of the youth stock sale and there's still time to help meet their goal of \$12,500. The end date of the sale has been extended to **Sunday, May 14!** Each share of stock is \$25. Consider making your stock purchase soon and get ready to earn a huge return on investment with our youth. Thank you so much for your love and support!

**2023 GRADUATES**

This is the time of year when we celebrate students who have graduated from high school and college. Our high school graduates will be recognized at the 11 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, June 4**. We would like to recognize your college graduate in the newsletter. If you have a loved one who is a **new college graduate**, please provide us their name, the school they graduated from, and the degree they received. Visit [www.frontstreetumc.org/features](http://www.frontstreetumc.org/features) to complete an online graduate form, or email Pamela ([pamela@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:pamela@frontstreetumc.org)) by **Tuesday, May 30**. We will include the list of 2023 graduates in the June newsletter.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7, 2023		
<b><u>Sunday, May 7</u></b>		
8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
<b><u>Monday, May 8</u></b>		
5:00	BMMT Meeting	John Wesley Room
<b><u>Tuesday, May 9</u></b>		
9:30	Tuesday Bible Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room
7:00	Circle 5 Meeting	Heritage Center
<b><u>Wednesday, May 10</u></b>		
7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00	Staff-Parish Relations Team Meeting	John Wesley Room
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<b><u>Sunday, May 14</u></b>		
8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **June 25 and July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081(cell) or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com).

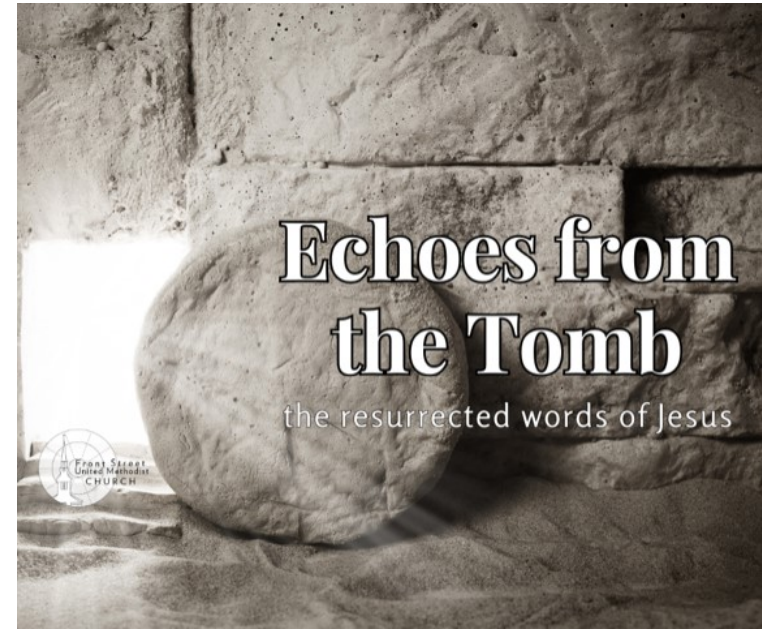
**LIVE-STREAMING**

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 11:00 a.m. worship each week for the benefit of those who are not able to be physically present. For those who would prefer to not be on camera, we endeavor to make the back half of the sanctuary a non-video zone. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ray. For Aldersgate sermons, search [Aldersgate@FSUMC](mailto:Aldersgate@FSUMC) wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

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