

# Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



May 3, 2020 at 10:30AM – Fourth Sunday of Easter

**W**ELCOME FRIENDS: We have come together to worship God and to love one another. Today we remember the resurrection of Jesus, our Messiah—remembering that he chose to come and live among us, was willing to even die on the cross for us, and then rose from the dead to redeem our souls. While we are worshipping online, we also are aware that we are not alone—for the Holy Spirit has gathered us together across space and time. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or gifts you bring. We are glad you are here...and hope you find what you need in today's service. May God bless you!

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

*So that we can track attendance, please sign into the Online Facebook Video Stream by Reacting (a Like or Love), by posting a comment in the Facebook Feed, or by sending an email to JBPerkowski@gmail.com.*

*Let us know who all watched the video with you and send in any prayer requests that we can lift up.*

## A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

### OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Jason & God's People

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us; for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, for thine own sake. Amen.

*(Richard of Chichester, England, 13<sup>th</sup> C. in UMH #493)*

### HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH #140

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

God's People

*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

### HYMN

*Hymn of St. Patrick*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Buni Harbison

*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Jason & God's People  
UMH #895

### HYMN

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

UMH #474

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

Buni Harbison

*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

### SERMON

*Devotion to the Faith*

Pastor Jason

*Sermon Series: Boldly and Bravely Devoted to an Easter Life*

### HYMN

*God Will Take Care of You*

UMH #130

### BENEDICTION

Pastor Jason

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**Faith Worship Team Director:** Phil Buchanan;

**Faith Instrumentalists:** Liz Hornberger, Dolly Bankert Haar, Brian Kohler, Nick Margerum  
& **the Faith Singers.**

**OCUMC Pianist:** Jody Norton & **Cellist, Guitar and Vocals:** Anthony Wiker

**Audio / Visual Technology:** Dennis Meck, Sr. & Bryan Nelson

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski      **Ministers:** The People of God

Explore our websites at [FaithUMC.US](http://FaithUMC.US) and [OregonCommunityUMC.US](http://OregonCommunityUMC.US) for more information about our churches and ministries.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PASTOR JASON & CAROL OFFICE HOURS:** We are primarily working from home. The best way to reach us directly is by email or cell phone.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you or someone you know has special needs that the church can support, please contact Pastor Jason and we will do our best to provide help. This includes people to grocery shop or pick up other supplies for those who are at risk for the virus. If anyone is still in need of a cloth face mask, please let us know that as well.

Also note that calling **211** or visiting [www.211.org](http://www.211.org) will put you in touch with the **United Way Call Center** which can direct you to social service organizations to provide help. If someone is in crisis, suffering from **severe depression or is suicidal**, please call **Lancaster County Crisis Intervention Lifeline: 717-394-2631**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD:** If you are able to make an offering to our ministries, we encourage you to do so. If you are facing economic uncertainties, we understand that you may not be able to give at this time—and encourage you to let us know how we can help you. You can mail checks to the churches, give online via the “Online Giving” Button at [FaithUMC.US](https://FaithUMC.US), or have your bank mail your donations.

**BENEVOLENCES:** If you would like to give to the Benevolence Fund or the new Lancaster City Food Ministry Fund to support the needs of people in the community, please mark your donations accordingly. A donation of \$7 buys a box of food for a family for a week through Blessings of Hope. Make checks payable to *Faith UMC* and we will send in one donation to support this Food Ministry.

**JUNIOR CHURCH ZOOM SESSION AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY:** Kids up to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join the Junior Church online with Julie Hassara after this morning’s worship. You can see the teacher and other students by video. We are also sending out weekly activity pages by email. If you are interested please email us at [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com).

### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/484986057?pwd=Wi9wSDBaUitPek8wVUluVFo2cnBiUT09>

**YOUTH MINISTRY ZOOM SESSIONS AT 5 PM EACH SUNDAY:** Youth in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for weekly youth group online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/421338708?pwd=ZmxzNUpEUXN5aTNIWIR1bEpST0dWdz09>

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10 AM:** We are resuming our weekly Bible Study online using Zoom. Youth and adults are welcome to join us. Each week we will study the scriptures from the weekly lectionary (available at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=42>). You can join us for this interactive session via Zoom by logging in at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482?pwd=MEFDTVBBQIRIYjRoTm9zcGMyalB1dz09>

**Meeting ID:** 831 7282 5482 **Password:** 351077

**One tap mobile:** +16468769923,,83172825482#,,#351077# US (New York)

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**MONTHLY LADIES LUNCH WILL MEET ONLINE VIA ZOOM at 11:30 AM on**

**Wednesday, May 6th.** Bring your lunch and visit with friends. Use this link to join:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79259740608?pwd=b0NBUEJVUHdxY2NtV2N0WFB1bnlOdz09>

**PASTORAL ENCOURAGEMENT & SUNDAY SERVICES:** Each Sunday we will have church online via Facebook Live at 10:30AM. You can also see videos of encouragement during the week from Pastor Jason. These are all publicly available whether or not you have Facebook via the links on the “Sermons” Page at [FaithUMC.US](https://FaithUMC.US).

**SPECIAL MUSIC OR SCRIPTURE READERS:** If you are interested in recording special music for use during the online worship service or to record yourself reading the scriptures, please let Pastor Jason know. People are enjoying see the faces of church friends as part of worship.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and the delegates to 2021 General Conference as we seek to find a way to make space for all people to be welcomed in God’s kingdom and to address theological differences around human sexuality

President Donald Trump & VP Michael Pence  
Presidential and Legislative candidates  
All government & military officials and their staff from the US & other nations: wisdom & safety  
Veterans and Service Members  
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions  
Victims of “religious,” white supremacist and racist bombings and shootings, esp. in churches, mosques, synagogues, and schools globally  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
Police officers and their families  
Individuals & families of those harmed in interactions with police  
First responders, emergency personnel, and medical staff caring for people in traumatic situations  
For an end to violence and wrath—including gun violence, domestic violence, terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction  
Victims & families involved in violent crime, sexual abuse and harassment  
Abusers and their families  
Repentance from (hetero)sexism & racism  
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears  
All affected by the natural disasters  
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free  
People who are hungry and homeless  
Security and immigration reform  
Prisoners & Prison Leadership  
Schools & Education Reform  
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon  
Those struggling with addictions, finances, etc.  
Those suffering from depression, suicidal ideation, and other mental health issues  
All those caring for sick loved ones  
Those grieving the loss of loved ones  
Wisdom around natural resources and the environment  
Eradication of deadly diseases  
Parents raising children—esp. new parents  
Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and District Superintendent BK Chung and appointments  
Coleman Memorial Chapel & Rev. Beverly Andrews  
Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband Daniel’s health  
Youth Ministry  
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa  
Campus Ministry: Ed Weber & the United Campus Ministry at Millersville; Rev. David Piltz & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; Rev. Dan Lebo at Lebanon Valley

Charlotte Garfield  
Sherry Guard – recovery from broken back  
Brian and Tina Grimm – health & jobs  
Becky, Angela and Maria Rodriguez – custody  
Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure & dialysis  
Phil Buchanan – strength & healing in legs/back  
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back  
Harry & Ella Buchanan – strength & healing  
Eileen Williams – healing for muscles  
Shelda’s granddaughter Bella’s health  
Bradley McGowan – ALS  
Linda Philbin – multi-focal motor neuropathy  
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions  
Those with cancer: inc. Joanne Osborn, Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Brian Rhodes, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Trish Allyn  
Brian Rhodes –PET Scan results  
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones’ sister) – healing  
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery  
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – stresses  
Mary’s siblings: Eva and David  
Diana Valentine – strength, peace and healing  
Annette McClarigan & family  
Willem Vanhuystee & family  
Ptryk Reksinska – healing  
Curt & Sandy O’Brien (Rhonda’s parents) – healing  
Carl Jones – strength & healing  
Bill Heinaman – strength & healing  
The people of Puerto Rico, Jamaica and other places affected by earthquakes  
Kristin Reifsnnyder  
Aimee  
Don Klos  
Residents and staff of Nursing Homes & families  
Pastor Jim’s Aunt Margaret  
Margaret “Holly” Perkowski  
Students & Teachers of all ages  
Workers – those still reporting to jobsites, those learning to telecommute, and those who lost jobs  
COVID-19 Virus Patients & Healthcare Workers  
Scientists and Engineers working on cures and devices  
Margie Urban – healing  
Wagaman/Schroeder family  
Michelle Bame – company & co-workers  
Kathleen Shifflet – rheumatoid arthritis  
Dot Lange – healing for heart.  
Joetta Henry  
Bob Jolly’s parents  
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan

### OUR PRAISES:

God’s presence through illness and struggle  
Family, friends, and a welcoming church