

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



May 17, 2020 at 10:30AM – Sixth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME FRIENDS: We have come together to worship God and to love one another. We are in a sermon series on four of Jesus' last teachings to prepare us for the season between His Ascension to Heaven and His Second Coming. In response we keep our eyes fixed on our earthly ministry and the ever-coming kingdom of Heaven. While worshipping online, we also are aware that we are not alone—for the Holy Spirit gathers us 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 this worship service. May God bless you!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

So that we can track attendance, please sign in via Facebook by reacting (a Like or Love) or posting a comment, 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Liz Hornberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.

Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit."

Father, today we offer ourselves to be pruned and shaped by you.

Jesus said, "You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me as I abide in you."

Jesus, you are the vine, we are the branches. We chose to abide in you and we ask you to abide in us so we can bear much fruit.

Jesus said, "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."

God, we come today to worship you, to glorify you, to be trained by you, and to be loved by you. Help us abide in your loving presence today and for always! Amen!

(Based on John 15:1-9 by The Rev. Jason Perkowski)

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:21-24

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH #545 v. 1, 2, 5

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason & God's People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH #548

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:1-17; Luke 22:49-51

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

SERMON

Who is the Church? Loving Branches of the Vine

Pastor Jason

HYMN

We Are the Church

UMH #558 v. 1, 2, 4, 5

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jason

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 FaithUMC.US & OregonCommunityUMC.US for more info about our churches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FAITH UMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING on Wed., May 20 at 6:30pm by Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRlCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 3530 4374 **Password:** 620371

One tap mobile: +13017158592,,82735304374#,,1#,620371# US (Germantown)

Direct Dial by Landline: +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) or +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

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 someone has special needs that the church can support, please contact Pastor Jason and we will do our best to provide help—whether groceries, supplies, finances, counseling, etc.

You can also call **211** or visit www.211.org to connect 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**, 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, or have your bank mail your donations. If those who can give, do so, then we can support those in need.

BENEVOLENCES: If you would like to give to the Benevolence Fund or the new Lancaster City / Columbia Food and Tutoring Ministry Fund, please mark your donations accordingly. A donation of \$7 buys a box of food for a family for a week through Blessings of Hope. They are also working with Millersville University students to help tutor younger students. Make checks payable to *Faith UMC* and we will send in one donation to support this Food & Tutoring Ministry. We have already received over \$1800 for this ministry. Thank you for your generosity!

FOOD MINISTRY: If you would like to help package and hand out food boxes at Bethel AME on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8-Noon, contact Pastor Jason and he will connect you with Bethel AME.

JUNIOR CHURCH ZOOM SESSION AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY: Kids up to 4th Grade are invited to join the Junior Church online with Julie Hassara. We are also sending out weekly activity pages by email. If you are interested please email us at 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 5th-12th grade are invited to join us for weekly youth group online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/421338708?pwd=ZmxzNUpEUXN5aTNIWIR1bEpST0dWdz09>

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM SESSION AT 10 AM: Each week we will study the scriptures from the weekly lectionary You can join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482?pwd=MEFDTVBBQIRIYjRoTm9zcGMyalB1dz09>
Meeting ID: 831 7282 5482 **Password:** 351077

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Dial by telephone: +1 646 876 9923 (New York), or +1 301 715 8592 (Maryland)

PASTORAL ENCOURAGEMENT & SUNDAY SERVICES: Each Sunday we will have church online via Facebook Live at 10:30AM and videos of pastoral encouragement during the week. These are all available even without Facebook via the links on the “Sermons” Page at FaithUMC.US.

MONTHLY MEN’S GROUP WILL MEET ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 11:00 AM ON THURSDAY, MAY 21st. Do you miss seeing your friends at lunch? We have scheduled a Zoom meeting the same day we usually meet for lunch. **Note the time change.** Use this link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86772223613>

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

YOU ARE INVITED to join Liz Hornberger on Tuesdays at 12:15 PM via Facebook Live. She plays piano and takes requests to play favorite hymns. Past videos are also available on her Facebook page: [Liz Brandon Hornberger](#). Note: **This week’s session will be on Wednesday.**

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
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict
Police officers and their families
Individuals & families harmed in interactions with police
First responders, emergency personnel, and medical staff
For an end to violence—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
The people of Puerto Rico, Jamaica and other places affected by earthquakes
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 and those educating their children at home
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
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
Brian and Tina Grimm
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 & bruises / sprains
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions
Those with cancer: inc. Joanne Osborn, Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Brian Rhodes, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Trish Zimmerman, Joe, John Rathvon
Brian Rhodes – Ongoing Cancer Treatment
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones’ sister) – healing
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery
Brenda, Dave and Mike Loechner – stresses
Mary’s siblings: Eva and David
Annette McClarigan & family
Willem Vanhuystee & family
Ptryk Reksinska – healing
Curt & Sandy O’Brien (Rhonda’s parents) – healing
Carl Jones – strength & healing
Kristin Reifsnnyder
Don Klos – healing from infection
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes
Residents and staff of Nursing Homes & families
Pastor Jim’s Aunt Margaret
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
Leon Bame’s mother upcoming surgery
Jim Harbison – neck/back surgery
Family on death of Margaret “Holly” Perkowski
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
Bill Heinaman – back in his apartment