

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter

MAKING ALL THINGS
NEW

“There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” —C.S. Lewis

Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday
8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

*You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.
We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

Welcome &

+ Invitation to Worship Holy God, as we gather this morning, in our distractions,
grant us focus.
In our worries,
grant us peace.
In our cluttered lives,
grant us space.
In our racing minds,
slow us down.
As our hands are clinging to so many things,
loosen our grasp.
May we release all that overwhelms,
and rest in your love here and now.

+ Gathering Hymn 741 "Guide My Feet"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Prayer of Confession

God of the home we know,
God of the home we seek:
we give thanks
that a part of the human condition
is the hope, the sense,
the lingering feeling
that even though this world
is not as it should be,
a better world exists,
a different future is available,
a home for all of us
waits for all of us,
and today can be a part of getting there.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day,
and create in us your new heaven and new earth.
Speak to us words of comfort and hope,
words of challenge and courage.
Amen.

Meredith Hanson

Sung Response 48

"Rain Down"

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.

We Listen & Receive

Time with the Young Church

Children of all ages are invited to come forward.

Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Blessed Are They"

by Dengler

Sermon

"Something New"

Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 819

"Be Still, My Soul"

Invitation to Give

We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.

We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one \$1 in the offering plate.

As we give faithfully, each faithful \$1 will bless the ministry of UPC.

Offertory

+ Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 606

"Doxology"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Closing Song

"Kyrie Eleison (Look Around You)"

"Kyrie Eleison" is a common prayer in scripture and liturgy meaning, "Lord, have mercy"

+ Benediction

Postlude

Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Sunday	May 18
8:30am	Praise Band Practice
9:00am	Choir Practice
10:00am	Sunday Worship
11:30am	Session Meeting
2:00pm	Daniel Summers Concert

Wednesday	May 21
5:30pm	TCP Operational Board Meeting
7:00pm	Choir Practice

Thursday	May 22
12:30pm	Yoga

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist— Meredith Hanson

Ushers—Linda Cameron, Maureen Wellman and Bill Hulshof

Coffee Hour—Deacons—Birthday Cake

Children's Programs— Tarryn Scroggins, Sienna Bogart, Logan Breese, Meredith Hanson, Estelle Riddle and Aleena Chappell.

Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Nursery (Age 0 – 4 yrs)

This is open for infants to 4 years old. In this age, we help guide these curious minds in play and encourage exploration in their environment.

Godly Play (Age 5 – 9 yrs)

Godly play is for children 5 - 9 years old. This is where the children learn about God through stories and explore their own thoughts by having free choice of activities that include a variety of crafts, art, song, and games.

Creative Minds (10 yrs +)

This program is for the youth 10 years old and up in the congregation. Creative Minds uses a combination of technology (such as Minecraft), different art media, games, and service projects to explore their relationship with God, encourage them to grow in their faith, spirituality, and community.

Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

Linn Benton Food Share—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **TBD at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

Prayers & Praise

Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:

Ashley Cary
The family of Wayne Chambers
Julie Charron
The family of Joan Dennis
The family of Glenn Harrison
Ramona Holmes
Bill and Chrys Hulshof
Lindsay Jones & Parker Jones
David Mote
Linda Melikian
Caryl & Denny Thomas's Family - Cory Whitney
The friends of Jack Towns

CHURCH STAFF

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