

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**May 25, 2025**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**



"Turn around and believe that the good news that we are loved is better than we ever dared hope, and that to believe in that good news, to live out of it and toward it, to be in love with that good news, is of all glad things in this world the gladdest thing of all." ~ Frederick Buechner

**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

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## 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

Tami Van Ras

**+ Invitation to Worship** We gather today to worship the One who created us,  
**The One who loves us without end.**  
The One who accepts us as we are,  
**and who covers us with grace.**  
The One who calls us,  
**and who equips us to love boldly.**  
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

**+ Gathering Hymn 664** "Morning Has Broken"

# We Offer Our Gratitude

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**Prayer of Confession** God above all,  
your greatness is in and through all the world.  
You are the power behind all we see,  
the grace beyond all we know,  
the love before all we encounter.  
You loved this world so much that you sent Jesus Christ,  
to live and die among us, in order that we might have life.  
Over and over again, you invite us into your life.  
You meet us in the shadows, you welcome our questions.  
You show us a deeper faith, an extravagant love,  
a more compassionate existence.  
Lift our eyes, God, to the signs of your life among us,  
so our hearts may be filled with faith and hope and love.  
**Amen.**

Jim Cole

**Sung Response 469** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

**+ 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

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### Time with the Young Church

Meredith Hanson

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.**Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

### Scripture Reading

John 14:23-29

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

"My Soul Is a River"

*by Allaway*

### Sermon

"Enfolded in God's Love"

Rev. Dr. John Carrick

## We Respond to God's Grace

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### Hymn 630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

### 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 717

"For the Life That You Have Given"

### Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys, let us pray together, **Thanks be to you, O God.**"**For concerns, let us make them our own by praying, **Lord, hear our prayer.**"*

### 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

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### + Closing Song 765

"May the God of Hope God with Us"

### + 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

### The 2025 UPC Directory is Now Available

You may pick up your copy of the **2025 UPC Directory** in the front office from Deborah Tuesday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 25</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	Praise Band Practice
<b>9:00am</b>	Choir Practice
<b>10:00am</b>	Sunday Worship
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 26</b>
	Memorial Day
	TCP and UPC Office will be closed.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 28</b>
<b>5:30pm</b>	TCP Operational Board Meeting
<b>7:00pm</b>	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 29</b>
<b>12:30pm</b>	Yoga

## Serving Today

**Thank you to all who served in worship today.**

**Worship Leaders**— Tami Van Ras, Meredith Hanson and Rev. Dr. John Carrick

**Liturgist** — Jim Cole

**Ushers** — Annie Kumpula, Mike and Maureen Wellman and Roger Kroening.

**Coffee Hour**—Gathering Committee

**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 **Thursday, June 12th 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

Julie Charron

The family of Glenn Harrison

Ramona Holmes

Lindsay Jones & Parker Jones

Linda Melikian

Alex Nelson

Caryl & Denny Thomas's Family - Cory Whitney

The friends of Jack Towns

### CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, Pastor

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