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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We will be hosting a Special Church Conference with our District Superintendent, Rev. Dwayne Bagley, following worship on June 9 at 11:00 am to vote on our new Governance Board and Leadership Structure.
- If you like to encourage the spiritual education in the next generation, consider volunteering to help with Vacation Bible School! Sign up in Fellowship Hall.
- The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

**Upcoming Events**

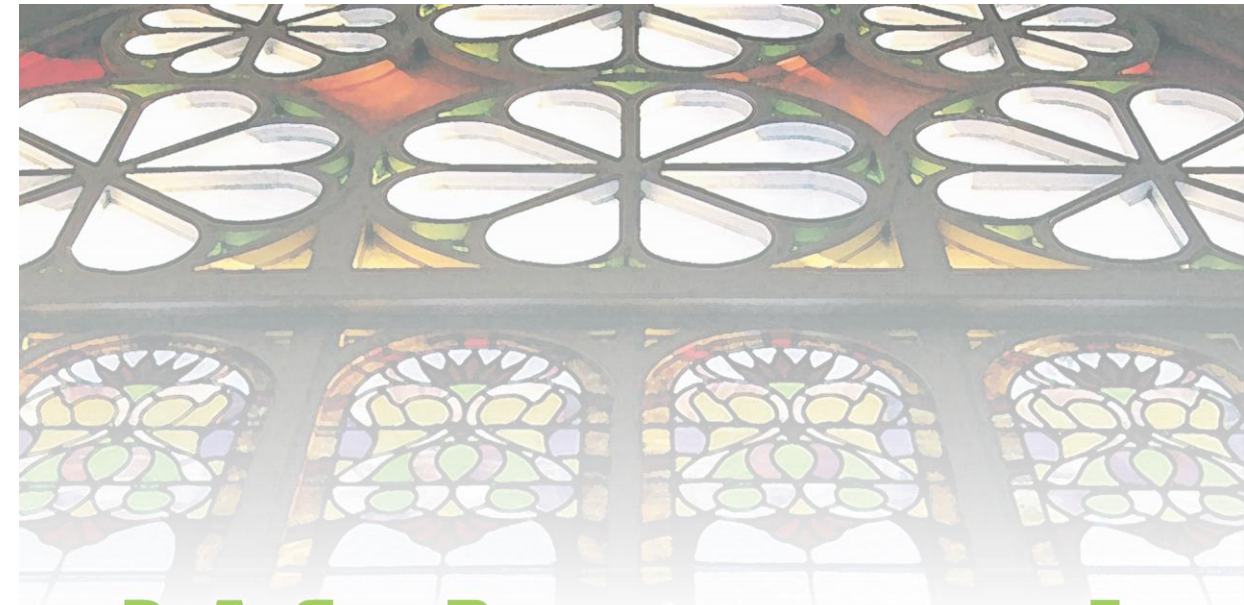
Tue 5/14	<b>Worship Committee</b> – Lounge	2 pm
Wed 5/15	<b>Bible Study with Rev. Paul</b> – Lounge	5:30 pm
	<b>Honeybee Fitness Class</b> – Fellowship Hall	6:30 pm
Thu 5/16	<b>Community Respite/Support</b> – Lounge	1-4 pm
	<b>Community Dinner</b> – Fellowship Hall	4-6 pm
Sun 5/19	<b>Worship</b> – Pentecost Sunday	10:30 am

All are invited to celebrate the Class of 2024 at the Baccalaureate service on **Sunday, May 19 at 6 pm** at the Lakewood High School Auditorium.

All are welcome to sing in our Choir Call-Down next Sunday during worship!  
**Hymnal #89 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**  
**verses 1,2,4**



Altar flowers this morning are presented by Kim and Dawn Deardorff in remembrance of Dawn's parent's, Dallas & Norene Braden and in celebration of Mother's Day.






# Welcome!

  
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During the sermon, Rev. Paul will fill in the blanks below. You may also use this space to jot down things you want to remember or to ask Rev. Paul about after worship.

This story is also found in the Gospels of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but not in \_\_\_\_\_.

Large bodies of \_\_\_\_\_ are a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Near East. Many cultures refer to the \_\_\_\_\_ as a location of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, including the cultures in Rome-occupied \_\_\_\_\_. This is why the \_\_\_\_\_ in Galilee is referred to as the “\_\_\_\_\_” of Galilee.

In other places in the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_ is a means of \_\_\_\_\_ or cleaning, especially in matters of \_\_\_\_\_.

The phrase “early morning” refers to the \_\_\_\_\_, a time between 3:00AM and 6:00AM. Today, there is an understanding that these hours are moments of deep spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

The story has two primary scenes: the \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples in the \_\_\_\_\_ & Jesus inviting \_\_\_\_\_ onto the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ to ancient people.

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# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Celebration – 10:30 am

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024

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## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Welcome & Announcements

### Opening Prayer

Holy and Gracious God, the God who creates life out of chaos, we pray for you to walk on the waters of our souls.

**We are at times turbulent in heart, restless to the point of churning. A storm blows us here and there and unsettles us to our peril.**

The squalls of life are many - the hardships of illness, of change, of uncertainty. Where will our hope come from when we are out of control of our lives?

**You are the one who comes to quiet the winds, to silence zephyrs, and to give us respite, Lord. Your feet touch the chaos and we are given a foundation to continue walking.**

Lord Jesus, master over the churning chaos, we are rocking in the boat yearning for your presence. Find us who are lost on the waves and beckon us out to conquer our own fears.

**Have us step out of the boat and see ourselves the way you do. Remind us of the strength of your image emblazoned on our hearts that we might join you on the shifting tides unafraid. Amen.**

## WORSHIP WITH PRAYER AND SONG

\*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymnal 103

### Sharing of Praises and Prayer Requests

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King vs 3* Hymnal 62

\*Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Hymnal 95

## WORSHIP WITH THE WRITTEN WORD

### Reading of Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Liturgist: Words from the past made new for us today!

People’s Response: **Thanks be to God!**

### The Message *The First Bible: Cleansing & Chaos*

\*Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* Hymnal 593

## BECOMING THE BLESSING

### Benediction

### Postlude

\*Please rise in spirit or in body