



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



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<b>Mon</b>	<b>May 6</b>	6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH
<b>Tue</b>	<b>May 7</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga -CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-Criswell Hall, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 8</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Morning -CH, 10:00 AM UWF Steering Committee-L, 1:30 PM Mission Team-MMR.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>May 9</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 1:30 PM Finance-L, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 11</b>	11:30 AM UWF Spring Luncheon-Criswell Hall.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 12</b>	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary. Ascension Sunday and Mothers' Day.

Abbreviation Legend  
 CH--Criswell Hall  
 S--Sanctuary  
 K--Kitchen  
 L--Library---  
 Room #123  
 MMR--McMillen  
 Room #113  
 PS--Pastor's Study  
 HR--Handbell  
 Room #115

May 5, 2024

10:30 AM

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Communion Sunday

"At every moment of life,  
we have an opportunity to choose joy . . ."  
—Henri Nouwen

PRELUDE *How Great is Our God* Reeves, Tomlin, Cash/arr. Carol Tornquist

INTROIT *Joy in the Morning* TFWS #2284

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joyfully, God calls to us.  
**We are loved and called to love.**  
Joyfully, we are invited to worship.  
**We are here, celebrating God's love.**  
Joyfully, let us bring our worship and praise.  
**We come to celebrate and sing.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 89

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

**God of hope, love, and joy,  
dance into our lives through our worship today.  
Pour your love into each one of us,  
that our joy may be complete  
and that with you we may bring joy  
into our world. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

### A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *O How I Love Jesus* No. 170  
Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
Choral Response *O How I Love Jesus* No. 170



**TODAY!**  
**Sun May 5** United Methodist Men **Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar** after 2nd service. Eat in or take out. Taco bar, rice and beans for \$10 per person. Tickets available.



**Tue May 7 4-7 PM.** *Fiesta at Fin's*, 25 W Grand Ave, Pismo Beach for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition. Tickets at \$30 available at 805-202-3622 or at the door. Spectacular menu, music, dancing, raffle.

**Sat May 11 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**  
 United Women in Faith (UWF) is presenting a **SPRING LUNCHEON** with a delicious salad bar, and featuring special entertainment which is already lined up! This is an event the ladies will not want to miss. Cost is \$10 per person.



**Scholarships** **Wed May 15** Deadline for applications for the 2024 ELT Scholarships. Apply online at [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) or at the church office.

**Sun May 26** Members of our Chancel Choir will be in New York City and performing at Lincoln Center. They will be enjoying several days in "The Big Apple!" 



**Sat Jun 1** Sweet Springs Nature Walk (Los Osos) and Lunch. Leave the church at 9:30 for 10 AM walk. Sign up and get details at Connections.

**Sat Jun 22 10:00 AM** Home and Garden Tour. We have an invitation to visit the home and inspirational garden of member Scott Trees. Mark your calendar and sign up at Connections.

**Tue Jun 25 1:00 PM** Marjorie Ott is presenting in her home a "Lemon Scones & Flourless Chocolate Cookies" baking class. The cost is \$15; please sign up at the Connections desk in the narthex. Limit 8 people.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Make My Life an Alleluia* Ruth Elain Schram

SCRIPTURE John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

HYMN (*remain seated*) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 526

SERMON WALKING IN THE LIGHT: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis  
With Friends

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
Offertory *Take the World, But Give Me Jesus* John R. Sweeney/arr. Victor Lebenske  
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15  
Sharing the Bread and Cup  
Communion Music *I Come With Joy* No. 617 Wren, Webb

\*CLOSING HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 557

\*BENEDICTION

As you go into the world,  
may love guide your steps  
and may joy lighten your load.  
**Amen.**

RESPONSE *Amen* No. 904

POSTLUDE *Triumphal March* William Stickers

*\*Please stand as able.*

*Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt*

## Today's Scripture

### JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

### JOHN 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's

commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*Today's Liturgist: Cristy Van Hook*

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
04/07	38	61	99	40	139	\$12,356
04/14	35	62	97	27	124	\$ 2,795
04/21	37	60	97	23	120	\$ 2,382
04/28	40	109	149	5	154	\$1,187
<p><b>Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038</b>  <b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$272,676 Budgeted \$251,846</b>  <b>Native American Ministries Sunday Received \$282</b></p>						

*HOSPITALITY TIME*

*Today's Hosts:*

**UNITED  
METHODIST MEN**

**Next Sunday,  
May 12**

**UNITED WOMEN  
IN FAITH (UWF)**