

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today Happy Mother's Day
11:00-Snack and Chat in the church parlor.
- May 12 10:00-Temple Golf at Westwind Golf Course
- May 13 10:00-Pride Parade organizational meeting
- May 15 1:00-SPRC mtg.
- May 16 10:00-Noon Community Garden Clean-up part 2
- May 17 5:00 Pastor appreciation for Rev. Laura Guyton (J.W. AMEZ) in church parlor
- May 21 9:15 Hand2Hand Packing
4:00 Temple Leadership Team meeting
- May 26 Memorial Day
- May 28 3:00 Temple hosts Supper House
3:30 Mission for Area People board meeting
- May 29 Michigan Annual Conference in session through June 1.
2025 theme is Unfinished: Growing Up and Into Christ (Ephesians 4: 15-16)



GIVING

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TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 11, 2025 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

Each person is a beloved child of God. Temple United Methodist Church welcomes, affirms and invites everyone into the full life and ministry of our congregation regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history. Join us as we gather as one community, grow our faith, give our diverse gifts, and go into the world to advance the Reign of God.

INFORMAL TIME OF SINGING 9:30 a.m.

All are invited to join as we sing through and teach this Sunday's service music.

“+” is an invitation to stand in body or in spirit, as each is able.

PRELUDE

God, Give Us Christian Homes

arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Don DeYoung

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Protect Frayed and frazzled, our lives jangling with tension and anxiety,

All: we gather to find that place of peace which God offers to us.

One: Awash in worries and doubts, drowning in a sea of fears,

All: we gather beside the still waters where Jesus offers us a cup of grace.

One: Weakened by the burdens of life, wandering as if lost in a wilderness,

All: we gather so the Spirit can restore our souls and show us the path to the kingdom.

+ OPENING HYMN

UMH 445 *RED HYMNAL*

Happy the Home When God Is There

+ UNISON PRAYER

**Come, Mother God, come as an enfolding nurturing presence,
come as steadfast love to hold us.
Come, Mother God, come as an enabling strengthening force,
come as tough love to let us go.
Come, Mother God, come as friend and comforter healing our
wounds, walking our way, come as wounded healer to make us
whole.**

+ PASSING THE PEACE *handout* UMH 89 v.1 *RED HYMNAL*
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Please return to your pew when the music begins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of love and grace, we yearn for a world where love and grace
guide our steps and bless our days. We dream of families and
communities led by love and guided by grace. Yet, division, danger,
and death interrupt our dreams and dampen our hopes for our lives.
Comfort us in our sorrow. Heal us in our troubles. Protect us in this
dangerous world. Unify us with your love and grace, that we might
offer your abundant love and amazing grace, everywhere we go.
Amen.**

‘Moment of silence

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: In God’s love, we are held. In Christ’s grace, we are forgiven.
In the Spirit’s power, we are strengthened.
Give thanks for these marvelous gifts.

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 23 *NRSV*

GOSPEL READING

John 10: 22-30 *NRSV*

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Kept in Suspense

Pastor Jeff

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Be Still, My Soul* UMH 534 *RED HYMNAL*

TIME OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND GIVING

Prayers for the Community

You are invited to speak the first names of those in your heart.

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for
the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

*After a time of silence, music will begin, at this time you are invited to bring
your prayers to the altar and to light a candle as an outward expression of your
prayer intention. If you are unable to stand or kneel, we invite you to ask
another sitting near you to light a candle for you.*

Giving- *During this time of prayer you are also welcome to bring your gifts to
the boxes at the ends of the prayer rails.*

Prayer Response *Take, O Take Me as I Am* W&S 3119 *GREEN HYMNAL*

Pastoral Prayer

+ SENDING FORTH HYMN UMH 529 vs. 1,2,5 *RED HYMNAL*

How Firm a Foundation

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I Will Call Upon the Lord* arr. Mark Hayes