

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today 11:00-Snack and Chat in the church parlor.
11:00- Pick up your “Love Wins” T-shirts (see Cheryl Bowman)
11:00-Quick meeting for all Pride Parade participants
- May 19 10:00-Temple Golf at Westwind Golf Course
- May 20 4:00- Pride float assembly Mary Ullmer’s home -
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- May 21 9: 15- Hand2hand packing bags
4:00- Temple Leadership Team meeting
- May 22 10:00- Pride float assembly Mary Ullmer’s home.
- May 26 Memorial Day
10:00- Temple Golf at Westwind Golf Course
- 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)
- Jun 1 10:00- Guest Preacher Rev. Gunnar Carlson



GIVING

There are multiple ways to give- in person, mail, online-
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phone’s camera and click the link VANCO ©



TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor- Rev. Jeff Bowman Office Manager- Melissa Miller
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Fundraiser: Mission for Area People

June 13-Mission for Area People 5th Annual 4-Persons Scramble Golf Outing. For more
information see flyers on the bulletin board or online www.missionforareapeople.org

TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 18, 2025 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are the church that lives into God’s future today.

All: A church united across space and time.

One: A church of many races, languages, ethnicities and genders.

**All: A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is
now, and is still to come.**

One: The one who is seated on the throne says to us: “See, I am making all
things new!”

**All: A new heaven and a new earth, where the home of God is
among God’s people.**

One: God’s future is epic, and its good news.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

God Is Here

UMH 660 vs. 1,3,4 *RED HYMNAL*

+ UNISON PRAYER

Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new. We thirst for the waters of eternal life, we yearn to know ourselves as Resurrection People. 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.

Come: move among us, we pray.

+ 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

O God, you who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people’s worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us for our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

Moment of silence

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season. This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are a vision of your life reborn, restored, and renewed.

All: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 21: 1-6 *NRSV*

GOSPEL READING

John 13: 31-35 *NRSV*

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A Vision of Hope *Pastor Jeff*

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS 2143 *BLACK HYMNAL*
O Lord, Your Tenderness

TIME OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND GIVING

Prayers for the Community

Juanita Zuder, Sue Miller, Nate & Janet, Gwen Bean, David & Kitty Stafford, Family of Lona, Annie, Mark Bush, Patricia Stessman family, Shirley Gossett, Tom Scott, Kathy & John Jolman, Kelly (Thurston) Foreman, Kaylee Houston, Sandy, Mike Swanson, Joan, Gaza, Israel, Palestine, Ukraine.

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 664 *RED HYMNAL*
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation* arr. Cindy Berry