

Lawrence Chapel
United Methodist Church
April 27, 2025



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Lawrence Chapel UMC practices the love and teachings of Jesus.

The Prelude

Draw Me Close

arr. by Mark Hayes

Bringing Forth the Light

Making a Difference (Welcome and Announcements)

Rev. Gregg Martin

*Call to Worship

We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:

"I have seen the Lord!"

We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:

"Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:

"My Lord and my God."

We're here this morning because of Jesus, who asks us face-to-face:

"Do you truly love me?"

We gather here to whisper timidly.

"Yes, Lord, you know that we love you."

We are here as a congregation only because many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus' words:

"Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid! Go and tell, 'Jesus has been raised!' Amen.

*Hymn

Ye Servants of God

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Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Time and Prayer for Young Disciples

Deanna Phifer

(Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Sermon. Children may return to their seats or leave with the leader to go to children's church. Parents are asked to pick up their children in the Education Building children's room following the worship service.)

*Affirmation of Faith (based on 1 Peter 1:3-9)

We believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose mercy we are given new birth into a living hope through Christ's resurrection from the dead. We believe that through Christ we are born into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading; and into a present salvation that will be revealed in its fullness in the last time. We believe that the Spirit works in us to grow the genuineness of

our faith, that we may give praise, glory, and honor when Jesus, whom we love but have not seen, is revealed. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you?

When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives.

Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to you.

Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't recognize you in our neighbor, or in the guise of the poor or the dispossessed.

Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice.

Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like the disciples who first encountered the Resurrected Christ, we too might hasten to share this great good news with others. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

We know that we were ransomed from futile ways...with the precious blood of Christ...and have been born anew through the living and enduring word of God. In this we recognize God's great love for the world revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus... who came into the world not to condemn it but to save it.

Thanks be to God!

God's Written Word

Revelation 1:4-8

Pew Bible NT p.245

Hymn

We Walk By Faith

TFWS 2196

*God's Written Word

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible NT p.115

Sermon

I Believe, But...
"I believe, help my unbelief."

Rev. Gregg Martin

The Invitation to the Offering

Ken Glenn

Offertory

There Are Some Things I May Not Know

arr. by Kenneth Morris

*Doxology

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*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Discipleship

Christ Has Risen

TFWS 2115

We do not have rights to lyrics.

*Postlude

In the Singing

arr. by Carlton R. Young

*Benediction

*Recessional

* Congregation please stand, if able

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The flowers in the altar area today are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Thomas by Jean Thomas.

Those interested in joining others for lunch today, please meet at the bottom of the front steps after the service.

To reach a larger ministry audience, our service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube and recorded for posting on our website. Typically, the last 5 pews in the church are never "on camera"(near the street entrance).



Prayer Concerns

Eunice and John Adams, Jim Brackett(Donna Glenn), Marie Karns(Geehreng), Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Pat and Skip Fenton, Sam(Glenns), Duane and Norma Barton, Rylan and Family(Heather Beam), Frank and Joyce Hartsell, Barbara Ochoa, Brenda Hammond(Connie), Bobbie Lou Caldwell and Uncle Bud(Penny Hall), Drew Meyers and Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg), Bob Brackett(Donna Glenn), Betty Ambrose, Maishia and Lynn Kelley, Jan and Steve Rector, Nan Davis, Todd, Heather and Erin Beam.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Counter: Evelyn Davison

Offertory Reader: Ken Glenn

Greeters: Helen Hedden and Erin Beam

Children’s Church: Grayson Bowman and Sharon Match

Acolyte: Collyn Phifer

Meeting Reminders:

4/28 No Chat with Gregg.

4/29 8:30am Devotion via Facebook with Gregg

4/30 12:00pm Hooks and Needles meets in the Library

6:00pm Children/youth group – dinner is served

5/1 10:00am Being United Methodist Christians Bible Study in the Library

5/14 12:00pm Senior Lunch – bring several of your favorite dishes to share

4:00pm Safe Sancturary Meeting

YTD Income/Expense Summary, March 2025

Budget YTD	Expenses Paid YTD	Giving YTD	Variance Expenses to Giving
\$61,964.25	\$57,680.83	\$70,282.16	\$12,601.33

Calendar year 2025 General Fund gifts, tithes and offerings (YTD January-March 2025) exceeded YTD expenses by \$12,601.33. In the month of March, several annual gifts were received and week to week giving increased. Your financial contributions to Lawrence Chapel are tremendous, exceeded only by the commitment of your time, talents, and other resources as you engage in and support the ministries, outreach, and services of Lawrence Chapel UMC. You make so many things possible in service to Jesus Christ. God bless you.

Ye Servants Of God (Hanover)

Charles Wesley | William Croft

VERSE 1

You servants of God your master proclaim
And publish abroad his wonderful name
The name all victorious of Jesus extol
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all

VERSE 2

God rules in the height almighty to save -
Though hid from our sight his presence we have
The great congregation his triumph shall sing
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our king

VERSE 3

'Salvation to God who sits on the throne '
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb

VERSE 4

Then let us adore and give him his right
All glory and power all wisdom and might
All honour and blessing - with angels above -
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love

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We Walk By Faith (Martyrdom)

Henry Alford | Hugh Wilson | Julia Morgan

CHORUS

We walk by faith and not by sight
No gracious words we hear from Him
Who spoke as none e'er spoke
But we believe Him near
We may not touch His hands and side
Nor follow where He trod
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry my Lord and God
Help then O Lord our unbelief
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are
With full and endless sight

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