

MAY 10, 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 AM WORSHIP
MOTHER'S DAY

- ◆ *Please make sure your cell phones are turned off during worship so that you can fast from texting and other distractions. Also, please refrain from bringing food and drink into the sanctuary.*
- ◆ *We hope there are enough bulletins for everyone who comes to worship, but in case we run out, they are accessible online.*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Nancy

PRELUDE

Please use this time for silent meditation to center your hearts for worship.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (READ RESPONSIVELY)**

Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

We come to worship God by boldly loving and joyfully serving, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world.

*** OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

We worship You, O God, with joyful noise—with words of praise spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought Your love song to us in person. We know that power is not to be used to exploit or dominate, but to serve others as willingly as Jesus did. His life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love. We gather here today to celebrate Your rule of love in our hearts. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* #577 UMH

INVITATION TOWARD GIVING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of us all, draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered Himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ abides in us. AMEN.

[If you wish to support Milton United Methodist Church with your tithes and gifts, please mail them to MUMC, 1007 Church Street, Milton, WV 25541. If available, you can also give through your bank. If you wish to make a gift today, there are offering plates at the doors of the sanctuary.]

OFFERTORY

RECOGNITION OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

ECCHO: Over the next few months, we'll try to help ECCHO's efforts to supply breakfast and lunch items for school children who would normally have these meals provided if they were in school. Kids need easy-to-prepare items such as individual servings of mac-n-cheese, pudding, applesauce, granola bars, spaghetti rings. Also popular are peanut butter/crackers or cheese nabs, big boxes of breakfast cereal or individual-size boxes, and Pop-Tarts. You may have other ideas, too. The volunteers will be putting together bags that include items like these for children during the Summer months. Thank you!

GOING DEEPER: Consider studying one of the texts for the week: Psalm 100, 1 Peter 4:8-11. What do you think God might be saying to you through the text? What is one thing you could do in the week ahead to embody what it means to serve joyfully?

Prayer: God of joy, we confess that we do not always serve others with joy. Will you invite us deeper into life with you, so that, Jesus, we can receive your Spirit of serving others and praise you with joy? Open our hearts and minds and shape our wills to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously as we learn to walk more faithfully in your presence. Amen.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting of the support group will be on Monday, May 18, at 1:30 PM, and they continue to meet on the first and third Monday of each month.

COMFORT MINISTRY: The Comfort Ministry is providing ECCHO with cloth grocery bags. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, at 10:30 AM.

PENTECOST: We will celebrate the birth of the church with a special service on Sunday, May 24. You are invited to wear colors that represent fire.

FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH: Everyone is invited to attend the Fifth Sunday Brunch and Worship Service on Sunday, May 31. We will meet in the fellowship hall of Bethesda UMC at 10:00 AM for brunch, followed by special music and a message from Pastor Nancy. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

FREE FRIDAYS: We will serve a free hot dog lunch every Friday in June. Sign up today to help outside, in the kitchen, or to bring needed items.

PLEASE NOTE: The secretary's office hours will be flexible for the time being. We appreciate your patience and encourage you to contact us through the church's email, cell (304-955-8924), the pastor's number, or by leaving a message on the church's landline (304-743-6461).

NEWLETTER: If you have news for the June & July edition, please send it ASAP. Your newsletter for June & July may arrive a few days after June 1.

Calendar for the Week Beginning May 10

TODAY: MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

TUESDAY

Exercise Class 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

T.O.P.S. 4:00—5:00 PM

Exercise Class 7:00 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Deadline for June/July Newsletter, May 21

Pentecost Sunday, May 24

Fifth Sunday Brunch and Worship at Bethesda UMC, May 31

Free Fridays Every Friday in June

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday Worship 34

Please check the prayer concerns, and let us know of those who need to be added or removed.

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently added names are in Italics.

Our elected officials; Sunday school (children, youth, & teachers); military personnel; churches & ministers; missionaries; Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett; DS Lauren Godwin; Pastor Nancy White; 130th Unit of WV Air Nat'l Guard; and

Alex S.	Chris W.	Neal M.
Alice	Daniel R.	Patrick
Allison	David R.	Paul B.
<i>Arthur T.</i>	Debbie R.	Paul G.
Avery	Diane B.	Rose
Barbara	Emory H.	Sandy B.
Becky C.	Jenny B.	Stephanie J.
Ben H.	<i>Joan G.</i>	Steven L.
Betty S.	John B.	Terry B.
Bill Q.	John M.	Terry P.
Brenda H.	Lisa H.	Tim C.
Brenda T.	Lorin A.	Tim S.
Carol W.	Mary M.	Tina B.
Cathy W.	Mike B.	Trey B.
Charlene	Mike H.	Wanda S.
Cheryl	Nancy L.	

