

# Memorial UMC, May 2, 2021, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Traditional Service)

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## **WELCOME & GREETINGS & WORDS OF REFLECTION**

“Success should be measured not by how many disciples are made, but by how many disciples are making other disciples.”

*Bill Hull*

## **PRELUDE**

“Sing to the Lord”

by: R. Sterling / arr. M. Hayes

Re-imagined Organ Transcription by John P. Blair

## **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Abide with Me”**

#700

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (extract from Psalm 22: 25-31)**

Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord, he rules all nations.

**Indeed, all the Earth’s powerful will worship him;**

all who are descending to the dust will kneel before him;

**my being also lives for him.**

Future descendants will serve him;

**generations to come will be told about my Lord!**

## **\*INVOCATION (in unison)**

God of grace and love. We come to sit at your feet as disciples, longing for your words to be inscribed on our hearts. Bring your spirit upon us. Teach us. Feed Us, Lead us in the paths of righteousness for your namesake, and for your namesake, may we be the fruit of your sacrifice for those who follow us. Amen

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**OFFERTORY “Come Down, O Love Devine”** by: R. V. Williams / arr: J. Raney  
Chancel Choir recording

## **HEARING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

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**THE WORD IN MUSIC** “Let Us Break Bread Together” arr.: Linda Lamb  
Chapel Bells

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 15: 1-8 (CEB) Reader: Michael Ray  
Reader: The Word of God for the People of God! **People: Thanks be to God!**

**PASTORAL REFLECTIONS** “Branches” Rev. Ron Branson

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**TIME OF PRAYER**

(Silent, Pastoral, and Lord’s Prayer) Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** “How Can We Name a Love” #111

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” by: J. Hughes / arr.: C. Berry  
John P. Blair, organ

## John 15:1-8 Common English Bible

### **I am the true vine**

**15** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. <sup>2</sup> He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. <sup>6</sup> If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

# **Memorial UMC, May 2, 2021, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Casual Worship)**

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**GATHERING SONG** “Sanctuary”

**WELCOME!**

(Sharing of Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Celebrations)

**\*PRAYER SONG** “City On Our Knees”

**CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYERS**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

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**OFFERTORY** “Build Your Kingdom”

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ruth 1: 1-18 (video)

**MESSAGE** “The Faith of a Foreign Woman”

Rev. Ron Branson

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*TRAVELING SONG** “10,000 Reasons”

**\*BLESSING**

***Go out unto the World with Singing!***

# Ruth 1:1-18

Common English Bible

## The family in Moab

<sup>1</sup> During the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. A man with his wife and two sons went from Bethlehem of Judah to dwell in the territory of Moab. <sup>2</sup> The name of that man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and settled there.

<sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died. Then only she was left, along with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> They took wives for themselves, Moabite women; the name of the first was Orpah and the name of the second was Ruth. And they lived there for about ten years.

<sup>5</sup> But both of the sons, Mahlon and Chilion, also died. Only the woman was left, without her two children and without her husband.

<sup>6</sup> Then she arose along with her daughters-in-law to return from the field of Moab, because while in the territory of Moab she had heard that the LORD had paid attention to his people by providing food for them. <sup>7</sup> She left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law went with her. They went along the road to return to the land of Judah.

<sup>8</sup> Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, "Go, turn back, each of you to the household of your mother. May the LORD deal faithfully with you, just as you have done with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> May the LORD provide for you so that you may find security, each woman in the household of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

<sup>10</sup> But they replied to her, "No, instead we will return with you, to your people."

<sup>11</sup> Naomi replied, "Turn back, my daughters. Why would you go with me? Will there again be sons in my womb, that they would be husbands for you? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters. Go. I am too old for a husband. If I were to say that I have hope, even if I had a husband tonight, and even more, if I were to bear sons— <sup>13</sup> would you wait until they grew up? Would you refrain from having a husband? No, my daughters. This is more bitter for me than for you, since the LORD's will has come out against me."

<sup>14</sup> Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth stayed with her. <sup>15</sup> Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is returning to her people and to her gods. Turn back after your sister-in-law."

<sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. <sup>17</sup> Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD do this to me and more so if even death separates me from you." <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her about it.

## Memorial UMC Reminders

*For – Sunday May 2nd*

### Masks & social distancing are required

We are live streaming both worship services at **MemorialSunday.org**

8:45 am – Traditional service &  
11:00 am – Casual service

### Pray for our Home Bound

Shirley Bonfer	Anita Poorman
Mary Kate Miller	Kim Mediate
Kelly Criss	Sally Whitlock
Maury Miller	Meg Grandier
Mary Claire Hamrick	Peter Priest
Jane Shouse	Howard Higgins
Connie Smith	Betty Jo Martin
Jim & Lois Legg	Janet Raines
Stan & Kris Henderson	
Randall & Carolyn Hopper	

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**FRIDAY – MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 4:00 – 7:00 PM**

@ Memorial United Methodist Church  
(Behind the church under the canopy)

**\$10.00 PER MEAL**

Meal includes: 3-pieces of fish, baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw and a prepackaged dessert

***Volunteers are needed.  
Sign up in the Narthex.***

## THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

### Sunday, May 2

8:45 AM Traditional Worship  
11:00 AM Casual Worship

### Monday, May 3

6:30 PM Leadership & Development

### Tuesday, May 4

6:30 PM Walking Group  
6:30 PM Group Study

### Wednesday, May 5

9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study  
7:00 PM PrayZ! Band Practice

### Thursday, May 6

1:00 PM Yarn Ministry

### Friday, May 7

8:00 AM Life Line Screening

### Saturday, May 8

8:00 AM UM Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day

8:45 AM Traditional Worship  
11:00 AM Casual Worship

## "Sock it to me"

The UMW has started collecting socks. They are asking for socks of all kinds, for adults and kids. Socks will be donated to 14th & Chestnut. There is a container available in the Narthex.

## Bottle Caps

Start saving your bottle caps again.



Memorial UMW is joining other churches in our cluster collecting bottle caps to help with the 12 Points revitalization. There is a container available in the Narthex.

## 14<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Volunteers

**Workers needed at the center.** Signup sheets are in the Narthex for "Memorial Mondays" to help serve breakfast from 8 – 10 am.



## Preschool Plant Sale

Again this year our Spring flower sale will be held a little differently. You may go to Anderson's Plants and Produce (6066 Rosedale Rd, Terre Haute, IN 47805) and purchase items directly from them and by presenting them with a flyer (available on the M-Card table, table outside the Preschool office or the church office) the preschool will receive a percentage of the sale. The flyer will be good until June 15<sup>th</sup>.



## United Methodist Men College Scholarship Award

Memorial United Methodist Men are sponsoring a minimum of two (2) \$1000 scholarships for post-secondary education. The scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who are members of Memorial United Methodist Church.

Applications are available in the church office.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE TURNED IN IS SUNDAY, May 9, 2021**

## Upcoming Activities

### **5/2 – Picnic and Play at 12pm –**

Everyone is invited. Pack a lunch and bring your favorite outdoor game, we can eat our lunch after church and play on the green or the playground.

### **5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25 Walking Group**

Tuesday - Walking Group visits local parks at 6:30pm -ALL

**4<sup>th</sup>** - Fowler Park (Meet in big shelter by the playground)

**11<sup>th</sup>** - Wabashiki fish and wildlife area (Meet in parking lot off HWY40)

**18<sup>th</sup>** - Hawthorn Park (Meet in the parking lot by the playground)

**25<sup>th</sup>** - Maple Ave Nature Park (Meet in the parking lot)

### **5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27 – Frisbee Golf**

at 4 pm – Youth and Adults  
Every Thursday we will play frisbee golf at Deming Park Disk Golf Course in the month of May.

## United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The United Methodist Men breakfast will be on **Saturday, May 8th at 8:00 a.m.** We will meet at Memorial.

## United Methodist Women News

The next UMW Executive meeting is *Wednesday, May 12th.*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Lenten Offering

March through May is dedicated to IOP Please drop your donation in the offering basket or in the basket provided in the Narthex or mail your donation to the church.