



Welcome to Urbana First United Methodist Church!

Our mission is to journey with people to get them connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; to one another; and to the community, through intentional discipleship!

May 24, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Pentecost Sunday

Liturgical Color: Red

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

PRELUDE

Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Gordon, *liturgist*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, you instill in us the need and desire for belonging and community.

Open our eyes and ears to each other, O Creator-

Redeemer God, you have shown us how to practice agape love, to accept and include everyone, especially those we have marginalized.

Open our eyes and ears to each other, O Redeemer-

Sustainer God, you surround us as we go about the hard work of living and working to ensure that everyone flourishes, everywhere, right now.

Open our hearts to you, O Sustainer-Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God, open us to generate, manifest and protect your Beloved Community, where we affirm our differences and offer hospitality that stretches our image of ourselves.

(Breakthrough Ministries, GNJUMC)

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

1. O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.
2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.
3. Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.
4. So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord
(c. E. Watanabe; CCLI 21222)

Davion Williams, *soloist*

+PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERING

UMH no. 95

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
(arr. W. Dawson)

Sanctuary Choir
Davion Williams, *music director*

THE MESSAGE

Shandra Summerville, *lay speaker*

TIME OF REFLECTION & PRAYER

You are invited to come and pray at the altar, light a candle to illuminate your prayers before God, come forward for one of our liturgists for a blessing or remain where you are for a time of contemplation and reflection during the musical selection.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

Be With Us All, Lord

AAHH no. 641, insert

1. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost
be with us all. Amen. Grace, love, and fellowship be with us all.
Amen. Amen! Amen! Amen, Amen!

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Hannah Freeman-Choi, *piano*

+ *Please stand as you are able*

Sermon Notes

Scripture Lessons: Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’



Urbana First UMC News and Announcements

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is how we communicate with God. In prayer, we share our hearts. We also pause to listen for wisdom and guidance. As John Wesley wrote, "All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God." Please be in prayer for these members & friends of the Urbana First Community:

- Prayers for Urbana First to continue our mission of helping people to get connected to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to one another, and to the community!
- For God's healing Spirit to move in our nation amid division and violence
- For God's peace in regions of the world affected by conflict and war
- For those who are ill or hospitalized, that they may receive healing and comfort
 - Lindsey Rivest, Mike Rivest (Tim's Dad), Averie Spencer and Family, Pastor Freeman, Darla Kvidera, Shirley and Tom Gordon, Nancy and Steve Moser, Nancy Merz, Nancy Lopeman (rehab)
- For those who are unable to join us in person, that they may feel God's presence, and remain connected through the love and prayers of the church family.
 - Ruth Abbott, Gladys Baxley, Anne Brown, Bob Burnett, Judith Cramer, Joyce Dilley, Gary and Anna Engelgau, Mary Lou Fisher, Jodie Frink, Tom & Shirley Gordon, Kenneth Johnson, Darla Kvidera, Marjorie Mead, Nancy Merz, Peggy Pennell, Mary Jane Ross, Fred Shep, Joyce Smith
- For loved ones and friends in hospice care or nearing the end of life, that they may know God's presence and peace
- For caregivers supporting those with physical or cognitive challenges, that they may be strengthened and encouraged
- For those grieving a loss of a loved one, either through death or a broken relationship, that they may find comfort and hope
- For those celebrating new life through births, that families may be blessed with joy, health, and God's abiding presence
 - Serena Rose was born on May 3 to Andreea and Skyler Sieving

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Anne Brown (May 6), Steven Crook (May 14), Cindy Duffy (May 16), Scott Lopeman (May 28), Greg Hazel (May 29)

SANDWICHES, SOUP, AND SHARING (Bible Study)

When: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. **Where:** Urbana First UMC Parlor

Join us on Wednesdays for a time of fellowship, faith building, and food. This group is open for all to attend!

CORPORATE PRAYER SUNDAY MORNINGS

Corporate Prayer is available every Sunday in the Sanctuary from 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.. The prayer services will not be streamed live, they will meet in person each Sunday and online one Sunday per month. This will be an opportunity for anyone with a prayer request to pray with our church family; you can also email your requests.

On the 2nd Sunday of the month, we will offer prayer for our online community from 8:45-9:00am.

If you are interested in joining the prayer team please email the church office at office@urbanafirstmethodist.org

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COLLECTION FOR MIDWEST MISSION

We will be having a collection beginning this Sunday until the end of May for gently used bibles and feminine hygiene pads (both overnight and daytime). We will be bringing this collection to the donation site during the Annual Conference. For more information or questions, please see Suellen Fink.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP COMMITTEE

The Young Adult Group is looking to expand! But to do that, we need to form a committee. We are looking for a group of one to two people from our church to help Steven plan and execute events for YAG. If you are interested in a committee position, please contact Steven at YAG@urbanafirstmethodist.org

CHURCH VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR MAY

We are looking for volunteers to help us in the life of the church in March. Each volunteer position would take one to two hours of service. Please see the list below and contact Paige in the church office via email if you are willing to assist.

- Leaders: Persons to help lead the Midweek Bible Study on Wednesdays
- Church Office: Light cleaning and dusting
- Sunday Morning Hospitality: Setting up parlor, making coffee
- Ushers: Assist with collecting offering during service
- Greeters: Welcome people and visitors to our church, set out the bulletin



YOUNG ADULT GROUP PRESENTS:



FAMILY MOVIE *Night!*

Come and enjoy a night full of laughter,
excitement and special moments.



YAG MAY EVENT: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join the Urbana First Young Adults as they host a family movie night in the Sanctuary! Come and enjoy a night full of laughter, excitement, and special moments. All ages are welcome to this event.

When: Saturday, May 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Urbana First Sanctuary

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Hannah Freeman-Choi (Pianist), David Gordon (Liturgist), Rich Govert (Usher), Linda Bailey (Children's Church) Johnie Wilson, Jack Marshall, & Joseph Tingling (Tech & Stage Team), Paige Banovz (PowerPoint & Bulletin)

This Week at Urbana First

Sunday, May 24

8:45 a.m.—Corporate Prayer (*Sanctuary*)
9:15 a.m.—Adult Sunday School (*Library*)
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.—Fellowship (*Parlor*)
10:15 a.m.—Children’s Church, Toddler-2nd
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service
10:50 a.m.—Children’s Church, 3rd-5th

Monday, May 25, *Memorial Day*

5:30 p.m.—Dance Rehearsal (*FH*)
6:00 p.m.—Twin City Rehearsal (*3rd Floor*)

Tuesday, May 26

6:00 p.m.—Twin City Rehearsal (*3rd Floor*)
6:00 p.m.—Storytelling Workshop (*Parlor*)

Wednesday, May 27

10:30 a.m.—Bible Study (*Parlor*)
6:00 p.m.—GSA Brownies (*FH*)
6:00 p.m.—Twin City Rehearsal (*3rd Floor*)
6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 28

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scout Troop Meeting (*FH*)
6:00 p.m.—Twin City Rehearsal (*3rd Floor*)

Friday, May 29

Office Closed, Staff Sabbath Day

Saturday, May 30

9:00 a.m.—GSA Ceremony Rehearsal (*FH*)
10:00 a.m.—UMM Breakfast
4:00 p.m.—Family Movie Night (*Sanctuary*)

Sunday, May 31

8:45 a.m.—Corporate Prayer (*Sanctuary*)
9:15 a.m.—Adult Sunday School (*Library*)
9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.—Fellowship (*Parlor*)
10:15 a.m.—Children’s Church, Toddler-2nd
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Connect With Us!

If you’re visiting with us today, please let us know! We’d love to connect with you and share more about our church.



Church Office Hours

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Daycare Hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



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