

*April 5, 2026*

*7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

*Easter Sunday*



*Welcome! We're glad that you're here. Please use the time before worship to prepare your heart and mind for being in the presence of God. The musical prelude is offered as a time of spiritual preparation*

*Please let us know you are here,  
especially if you are new to worship with us!  
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### ENTRANCE

#### Prelude & Processional

“Christ Arose” by Lowry  
(Piano/Organ Duet- Wesley Dickson & Karen Weirman)

#### Welcome & Announcements

**This is the day the Lord has made!**  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

#### \*Passing of the Peace

#### \*Opening Prayer

**Holy and Merciful God, You call us, again and again, to return — from our distractions to Your presence, from our fears to Your faithfulness, from our wandering to Your embrace. By your Holy Spirit, draw us back to you, where we find grace in our failures, and strength in our weakness. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”  
#302 (Verses 1-3)

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem 7:00 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”  
(Ray Forlenza, Saxophone)

9:00 “Alleluia He Lives” (Chancel Choir/Brass)

11:00 “Lift High The Cross” (Celebration Bells)

#### Moment of Silence and Pastoral Prayer

#### Lord’s Prayer

**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. Amen.**

Scripture Reading John 20:1-10

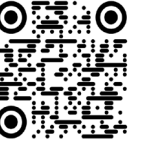
Sermon: “What Did You Expect??” Rev. Wesley Dickson

### THANKSGIVING

#### Invitation/Confession

#### Moment of Gratitude and Generosity

*Want to give electronically? Please scan the code to give now! Thank you!*



Offertory 7:00 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”  
(Wesley Dickson, Piano)

9:00 “The Day of Resurrection”  
(Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble)

11:00 “Glorious Celebration” (Celebration Bells)

#### Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious and Loving God, all that we have comes from You — our breath, our days, our resources, our hope. As we return these gifts to You, we offer our hearts, our hands, and our lives. Use what we bring to heal the broken, to lift the weary, and to proclaim the good news, so that all who wander can discover Your love. Receive us, O Lord, and make us new, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### The Great Thanksgiving

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### SENDING FORTH

\*Closing Hymn “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”  
(#304)

#### Benediction

Recessional 7:00 “Amen”  
9:00 “An Easter Alleluia” (Chancel Choir)  
11:00 “Edelweiss” (Celebration Bells)

Postlude “Christ The Lord Has Risen Today”  
(Karen Weirman)

*The flowers on the altar have been placed by:  
John Meyer, in memory of Lois Meyer  
and  
Cindy Cook, in memory of Jonathan Cook*

## Church Happenings

**Coffee Hour** There will be no coffee hour on Easter Sunday. Please join us next week on April 12 as coffee hour resumes with Ruth Circle and Friday Morning Bible Study hosting.

**Easter Flowers** If you ordered an Easter tulip or lily, you are free to take your order after any of our Easter services.

**UMCNL Easter Egg Hunt** A heartfelt thanks to those who helped with our Easter egg hunt this year! Thank you to all who donated candy, filled and organized eggs, and helped the day of the hunt. It was a beautiful morning, and the children had a wonderful time. God is good!

**Chapel Bible Study to Resume with New Afternoon Time!** The spring session of Chapel Bible Study will take place during afternoon hours from 3:30-4:45 p.m. and will resume on Monday, April 13 through Monday, May 18. This 6 week study by Adam Hamilton will focus on THE MESSAGE OF JESUS, by focusing on six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings and how they speak to us today. Sessions will be led by Pastor Greta McDonald and Marilyn Gallagher. Please contact Marilyn at (815) 485-3015 or email to [gallaghermar2@yahoo.com](mailto:gallaghermar2@yahoo.com) to sign up and order a book.

**Introduction to United Methodism** We are pleased to announce our Spring Intro to United Methodism Class. This is a 4-week study that is open to our entire church, designed as an interactive way to learn a lot about United Methodism. This class is also the way by which we receive those who desire to join the membership of The United Methodist Church of New Lenox. We will cover a little of our history, doctrine, theology, and membership vows.

There is no cost to participate; simply contact Pastor Wesley ([wesley@umcnl.com](mailto:wesley@umcnl.com)) so that we have enough materials for everyone. This Study will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:30 pm on April 26, May 3, May 10, and May 17. Those desiring to join the membership of UMCNL will be received during the service of their choice on Sunday, May 31.

**Sunday Email** If you are not receiving a Sunday morning email for Wesley and wish to be added, please contact Pastor Wesley at [wesley@umcnl.com](mailto:wesley@umcnl.com). You'll receive an email each Sunday at 6:30 a.m. with the most current UMCNL information.

## Get Involved

**UMCNL Women's Spring Retreat** will be Saturday, April 11, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Hosted by Sarah Circle and held at our church. Together, we will reflect on our spiritual journeys, grow in God's love, strengthen our bonds in Christian fellowship, and find moments of healing, joy, and laughter. 40 members joined us last year! The cost is \$10 cash, collected the day of the retreat, to cover lunch. Please sign up on the board in the Narthex, or call/text Teresa Randolph (773) 405-6233 or Erika Martin (815) 409-5178

**Ruth Circle** will meet at 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 13 in Fellowship Hall. Hostesses are Jan Madarick and Bobbie Baird, devotions will be by Debbie Speicher, and program Part 3 Think Like a Monk will be given by Janet Kuester. New ladies are always welcome.

**Friendship Group** Our next Friendship Group Luncheon will be April 16 at noon at Aurelio's Pizza, 7901 W. Lincoln Highway in Frankfort. The Sponsors are Cal & Marcia Hainzinger and Joyce Enos. All 55 and older are invited. See you there. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex next to the name tags.

**Welcome Center Volunteers** are needed on Sundays! If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact Amanda Fox at [amandaseverson1281@gmail.com](mailto:amandaseverson1281@gmail.com)

**Greeters Needed** We are looking for greeters on Sundays! Please contact Joyce Korista at (815) 485-6879 if you can help!

**Friday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets in the church chapel Friday mornings from 9:30- 11:00 a.m. New ladies welcome!

**Men's Study Group** meets every Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room and is led by Scott Creech. All men invited!

**"Birthday in a Bag" Donations** Please remember the "Birthday in a Bag" program! The following supplies are needed: box cake mixes, cans of frosting, candles, and 12 oz. cans of any type of soda, club soda, or sparkling water. The bags go to the New Lenox and Joliet food pantries. All items donated may be placed in the shopping cart in the narthex. Any donation is appreciated!

**Prayer Chain Ministry** Would you like to be a part of our Prayer Chain Ministry by becoming a prayer warrior? Email [office@umcnl.com](mailto:office@umcnl.com) to join this wonderful group! Prayer changes things; we will never know the impact our prayers will have on others, but we will know when prayer begins to change us.

## Youth Updates

**Sunday School and Nursery will not meet on Easter Sunday so children can experience our beautiful service with their families.**

**Youth Group** Join us! UMCNL will host a weekly youth program for 7-12 grade students every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. We would love for you to join us! Keep in touch via email and text by texting JOINUYM to 84576 or connect online with us at [unitedmethodistchurchofn.flocknote.com](http://unitedmethodistchurchofn.flocknote.com)

**Joy Camp 2026** Our church is excited to announce that registration for JOY Camp 2026 is officially open! Incoming 5th graders through newly graduated seniors are welcome to attend. Please visit the website at <https://www.joycamp.org/registration-info> to register for camp. Prices are discounted for early registration through June 1st, so sign up soon to secure your spot at camp at the best prices of the season! JOY Camp 2026 will run from June 21st through June 27th. If you plan to pay by check, or if you need financial assistance through JOY Camp, please email [registration@joycamp.org](mailto:registration@joycamp.org) and they will happily provide you with an alternate registration form. The UMCNL provides partial scholarships for our youth to attend camp. Contact Linda Haring for information about scholarships and how to apply for one at [lharing15@gmail.com](mailto:lharing15@gmail.com). In the subject line put Joy Camp Scholarship.

## Contact Us/Prayer Requests

Would you like to connect with one of our Pastors? Please see the contact information below or you can scan one of the codes below using your smartphone to directly set an appointment. If you have a prayer request, please scan the prayer request code.

**Pastor Mark:** Call/text: 815-587-3795; [mark@umcnl.com](mailto:mark@umcnl.com)  
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