

May 3, 2026
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
5th Sunday of Easter



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!
Simply open your camera on your smart phone and
aim it at the code below. Thank you!*



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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional

9:00 "I Danced In The Morning" by Wagner
(Karen Weirman)

11:00 Music performed by Celeste Choir

Welcome & Announcements

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

***Passing of the Peace**

***Opening Prayer**

Risen Christ, you came to your disciples in the quiet morning and turned their weariness into wonder. Come to us now in this hour of worship. Meet us in our doubts, calm our fears, and fill our empty places with your grace. Nourish us with your presence, renew us by your Spirit, and send us out to follow you with joy. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Jesus Calls Us" (#398)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem 9:00 Music performed by Youth Choir

11:00 Music performed by Celeste Choir

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.

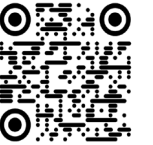
Scripture Reading John 21:1-14 (CEB)

Sermon: "A Feast of Forgiveness" 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

9:00 Music performed by Youth Choir

11:00 "I Danced In The Morning" by Wagner
(Karen Weirman)

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you fill our lives with blessings beyond measure. Receive these gifts, and receive our lives as well. Use all we offer for the work of your kingdom, that others may be fed, welcomed, and restored through the love of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (#599)

Benediction

Recessional "Amen"

Postlude "Postlude in Classic Style" by Young
(Karen Weirman)

The flowers on the altar have been placed for:

Jim and Debbie Speicher for chairing many years of successful
Old Campground Flea Market

and

Susie Jasurda and Carol Tinman, in honor of all the behind-the-scenes work they do to support the church's Sunday School program. They help prepare the children's Bibles for Bible Sunday and create wonderful bulletin boards and decorations for our rooms and hallways. Carol and Susie are an important part of the wonderful program we can offer for the children.

Church Happenings

Coffee Hour Thank you Christian Education/Stewardship/Trustees for hosting coffee hour today. Next Sunday, Mother's Day, will be hosted by UMM.

Congrats to our Grads! UMCNL will honor our 2026 high school and post-secondary graduates (college, graduate school, trade school, military training, etc.) on Sunday, May 24. Grads will be honored at the service of their choice. Please email or text the following to Jane Corradetti at (815) 258-8304 or Jcorradetti1@comcast.net or submit to the church office by May 17:

1. Graduate's recent picture and name
2. Parent(s)' names
3. Name of the school from which the student has graduated
4. Future college, training, or career plans

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) so that we have enough materials for everyone. This Study will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:30 p.m. on August 9, 16, 23, and 30. Those desiring to join the membership of UMCNL will be received during the service of their choice on Sunday, September 13.

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. You'll receive an email each Sunday at 6:30 a.m. with the most current UMCNL information.

Mission work trip this Summer The Missions Committee is looking for adult volunteers for a trip to work at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky July 19 to 24. The cost for each volunteer is \$200/ or \$300 per couple. This pays for lodging at Red Bird plus all meals. (The UMCNL Mission Committee will fund the remaining \$300 per person.) Trip lead is Ray Trent. More information and the sign-up sheet can be found on the poster in the church Narthex.

Get Involved

Annual Loyalty Day Parade is Sunday, May 3 All are invited to show our patriotism and represent UMCNL at the Loyalty Day Parade next Sunday. Children, youth, families and "seasoned" veterans are welcome to ride or walk and throw candy at passersby. We would love for our veterans to join us. We will be meeting in our church's parking lot at noon on Sunday, parade kicks off at 2:00 p.m. We will be decorating our float on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. in our church's parking lot. All are welcome to help decorate. Questions? Contact Jim Speicher at (815) 483-8183

Thank you to all committees, circles, special groups, and individuals who have hosted coffee hour this year. Your willingness to support our tradition of enjoying continental breakfast together and extending hospitality to our church family and visitors is truly appreciated. A special thank you to Bob Stasiowski for baking beautiful birthday cakes every month. If you wish to volunteer for the 2026-27 coffee hour, or if you have suggestions for improvement, please contact Jane Corradetti at 815-258-8304 or jcorradetti1@comcast.net.

Hannah Circle will meet at the parsonage at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 8. We will package all sizes of disposable diapers (newborn to size 6), small packs of wipes, and feminine products to be distributed at the food pantries. Any donation will be appreciated. All women of the church are welcome. For questions, contact Jane Corradetti at jcorradetti1@comcast.net or 815-258-8304.

Sarah Circle will be meeting 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at The Jolly Giraffe bookstore in downtown Frankfort. All ladies are welcome to join us as we continue to support our sister Suzanne with her whimsical and cozy filled shop! No need to RSVP. If you have questions you can contact Teresa Randolph 773-405-6233

Friendship Group Luncheon The next meeting date will be May 21, 2026 at the Country Charm Restaurant at 101 Lincolnway Dr., New Lenox. The Sponsor is Judy Buell. All are invited 55+. See you there! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex next to the name tags.

"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!

Youth Updates

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 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.

VBS 2026 Rainforest Falls June 8-12 from 9am-12pm

Participants: Kids entering kindergarten to entering 6th grade. Registration will close May 17, 2026.

Volunteers: We are also looking for volunteers to help! Youth volunteers will be limited to first come first serve. Volunteering looks different for everyone, so please reach out if there are any questions.

Contact: Briana Heckler or Elena Rossiter - vbs@umcnl.com
We are excited for another great year of VBS!



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.

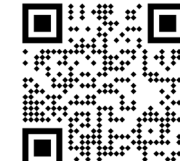
Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com

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Pastor Mark



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Pastor Wesley

