

*April 12, 2026  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
2nd 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!  
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#### ENTRANCE

##### **Prelude & Processional**

9:00 Music performed by Celeste Choir

11:00 "When Morning Guilds The Sky"  
(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**

**Risen Christ, walk beside us on the roads of our lives. When we are discouraged, stay near. When we are confused, open the Scriptures to us. When our hearts grow cold, set them ablaze with your love. Reveal your presence among us, that we may recognize you, worship you, and go forth as joyful witnesses to your resurrection. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

#### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

##### **A Time Mostly for Children**

**Anthem** 9:00 Music performed by Celeste Choir

11:00 Music performed by Youth 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** Luke 24:13-33a (CEB)

**Sermon:** "Along for the Journey" Rev. Wesley Dickson

#### THANKSGIVING

**Moment of Gratitude and Generosity**  
*Want to give electronically? Please scan the code to give now! Thank you!*



##### **Offertory**

9:00 "When Morning Guilds The Sky"  
(Karen Weirman)

11:00 Music performed by Youth Choir

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (#95)

##### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious and living Lord, you meet us in ordinary places and transform common things into signs of grace. Use these gifts to open eyes, warm hearts, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and proclaim the good news of the risen Christ. As you were made known in the breaking of bread, make yourself known through the offering of our lives, that all we have and all we are may be a living sacrifice to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### SENDING FORTH

**\*Closing Hymn** "He Lives" (#310)

##### **Benediction**

**Recessional** "Amen"

**Postlude** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
(Karen Weirman)

**\*\*Communion will be available in the Chapel immediately following the service for those who wish to participate.**

*The flowers on the altar have been placed by:*

Ron & Melinda Myotte, in memory of Melinda's dad  
Jerry Kocks

## Church Happenings

**Coffee Hour** Thank you Ruth Circle and Friday Morning Bible Study for hosting coffee hour today. April 19 will be hosted by Endowment and Finance.

**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**, scheduled to begin on Monday, April 13, has been canceled at this time. Hopefully, it can be rescheduled in the future.

**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.

**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

**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.

**The Comfort Makers** sewing group will meet April 23 at 9:00 a.m.. They make comforters, backpacks and other items to be used throughout the world. You don't even have to know how to sew to join in the fellowship of this wonderful group of ladies. You can cut fabric or iron if sewing is not your forte. For more information, please contact Judy McCune at [jmcsews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmcsews@sbcglobal.net)

**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

**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](https://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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