



**5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**WELCOME TO YOUR CHURCH!**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>i</sup>**

**Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**♪ Just a Closer Walk with Thee**  
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**PASSING THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Welcome visitors here and all members joining our Live Channels! We are blessed to have you!**

- The women of Immanuel invite all to **join for a fellowship time** w. coffee & desserts right after church.
- **Bible Study** continues Thursday, 6pm
- **All Ages Sunday School 9 am**
- **Pet Blessing Day** next Sunday May 5, 10 am.
- **Mother's Day Brunch** is Sunday May 12. Sponsored by the Men's of Immanuel
- **Happy birthdays** to Jeff Sherwood (29)!
- **Happy Anniversaries?**

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>ii</sup>

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

**We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

**We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

**We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

♪ **King of My Heart**

(John Mark MacMillian)

## SHARING YOUR JOYS

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (ALL PLEASE JOIN)**

**O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING<sup>1</sup>: Psalm 22:25-31**

25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

26 The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him may your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

28 for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him those who cannot keep themselves alive.

30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

31 They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

### **EPISTLE READING: Acts 8:26-31**

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29

The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:40-48**

(All who are able are invited to stand)

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. 44 He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

### **SERMON: We See The Fruits**



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Your Notes:

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**♪ In Christ Alone**

(Stuart Townsend / Kieth Getty (arrangement Kristian Stanfill))

**PEOPLE’S RESPONSE: CONCERNS AND PRAYERS**

(Please provide in writing. Names will be on the list for one month, unless otherwise notified.)

**For healing:**

Al Califano  
Ann Decomo  
Bob Robles  
Bonnie Fisher  
Charlie Wilkerson  
Winnie Whitby  
Jeff Patrick  
JoAnn Whitby  
John L Davis  
Kara Brandenburg  
Yvonne Quimby & family

**For Peace & Comfort:**

Janet Akers & family  
Ilene Melvin & family

**Other Needs:**

Our nation  
Peace in the world  
UMC General Conference

**♪ How Great is our God**

(Chris Tomlin)

**OFFERING TIME**

**BENEDICTION**

**Participant/s at today's service (Thank you!):**

Announcer: Melanie Drake  
Reader: George O'Donnell

Worship Leader: Curtis Pearson  
Pianist: Sue Leonard

**Attendance last Sundays:**

At church:	4/21:38	4/14:34	4/07:35	3/31:53
Facebook/YouTube Live Views:	4/21: 4/4	4/07: 3/1	4/07: 6/3	3/31: 7/-

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<sup>1</sup>All Scriptures from the NIV Version Bible, unless otherwise indicated.

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The United Methodist Church

Upper Shore District Superintendent: Rev. Elmer Davis

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

**DAILY READING**

April: God's Guiding Word: Hope

28 Isaiah 56:1–8

29 Psalm 16

30 Psalm 34

May God's Guiding Word: Spiritual Renewal

1 Psalm 50

2 Psalm 80

3 Psalm 81

4 Psalm 84

5 Psalm 86

# 2024 MAYOR CALENDAR ITEMS

(More activities to add)

UMC General Conference	April 23 – May 3, 2024
Pet Blessing Day (in the parking)	May 5
Mother’s Day Luncheon	May 12
Coffee House	Dates to announce
240 <sup>th</sup> Pen-Del Annual Conference	Thursday, June 6, 2024 to Saturday, June 8, 2024
Vacation Bible School	Thurs. July 18 <sup>th</sup> to Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>
Labor Day Parade	Monday, Sept. 2
“Daniel” Trip to Lancaster	Wednesday Sept. 25
Trunk or Treat	October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 6pm
Election Day- Pray & Vote!	Tuesday, November 5
Candlelight Service	Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 8pm

Your Notes:

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<sup>i</sup> UMH 69.

<sup>ii</sup> Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, November 2023.