

Announcements |

Lenten Offering Recap: Thanks to the generosity of the Maple Avenue family, we collected over \$1900 to pack UMCOR flood buckets. We hope that you will plan to join us for dinner on Wednesday, May 21st when we will pack the buckets!

Spark Volunteer + VBS Planning Meeting – May 4 following worship: Anyone interested in helping with VBS or with regular Spark activities is welcome to attend this meeting. If you would like lunch, please let Rachel know.

VBS 2025: This year's VBS Theme is, True North: *Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. It will be held in the evenings of June 23-27. More information at mapleavenuechurch.org/vbs.

Prayer Group: The prayer group gathers on the Second and Fourth Mondays at 9:30 am.

Spark at the Beach: Families are invited to bring a picnic lunch and come out to Redtop State Park beach for Spark at the Beach on the afternoon of May 18.

Spark after Dark Schedule: There will be Spark after Dark activities on April and May 4 from 5-7:30 pm.

Exercise at Maple Avenue: Strength Training on Mondays at 10am lead by Glo Miller. Adaptive Yoga on Fridays at 10am with Annie. All are welcome!

Wesley Woods Special Offering: Now through May 11 we are collecting a special offering to support Wesley Woods. Wesley Woods is a senior living ministry of the UMC helping with accessible, affordable housing. Give online to the Special Offering Fund, or make checks out to MAUMC and with both note they are for Wesley Woods.

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April 27, 2025
Second Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE | *The Old Rugged Cross*

George Bernard arr. by Mark Hayes

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP |

*HYMN 139 | *Praise to the Lord*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *The Apostle's Creed* (881)

**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 from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER

THE 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.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offerings to Maple Avenue can be left in the Narthex. You can
also give by texting any dollar amount to 833-315-0263. You
can also scan this code to give online.



OFFERTORY | *The Old Rugged Cross*

By Georgie Bernard, arranged by Marianne Kim
Tisa Schuurman, flutist

*DOXOLOGY |

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures
here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost!**

PASSING THE PEACE |

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN 2086 | *Open Our Eyes Lord*

**Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON | John 20:19-23

**When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and
the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked
for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands
and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has
sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on
them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the
sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any,
they are retained."**

(New Revised Standard Version)

SERMON | *Fear and Peace*

*HYMN 420 | *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

George J. Webb arr. by Cindy Berry

* Please stand as able

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PRAYER CONCERNS | Rodger Senter, Kathy Mraz, Craig
Couch, Trent Senter, Bushman Family, Keith Lynn, Keith Harris,
Anson Senter, Sharron Hendricks, Linda Walker, Ranelle Johnson,
CJ Johnson, Dee Nikiforou, Daniel Cook, Donna Morgan, Tommy
Morgan, Jim McDonald, Christy Scoop, Cherokee Walker, Keith
Harmeyer, Jan and Timothy Oglesbee, Buddy Zeggert, Harper
Woods, Pete Werner, Marsha Clay, Baby Maia, Sue Davis, Allen
Clackum, Angie Brown, Jeremy Bolt, Keith Watson, C. Snipes, R.
McGann, Doug Alvarado, Cindy Peters Becky Walker, Alan
Greene, Dana Lingerfelt, Chandler Wooten, Ben Vickery, Zoe
Vickery, Jas Medina, Gaines Law, Briggs Weeks