



# All Are Welcome Here

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

May 17, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Ascension Sunday

### ~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive  
toward the embodiment of God's presence,  
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

**Chiming of the Hour** - In silence let us prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness*

G.F.Handel

**Choral Call to Worship**

*The Strife is O'er*

Melchior Vulpius

The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won,  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(Text: Latin 1695, tr. Francis Pott)

**\*Call to Worship**

*Leader: Sing praises to God*

**People: Sing praises to our ruler**

*Leader: For God is ruler of all the earth*

**People: Sing praises with a psalm**

*Leader: God reigns over the nations*

**People: God sits on the holy throne**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name*

UMH 154

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

UMH 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.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father*

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen. Amen.*

**New Testament Lesson**

Ephesians 1:15-23

**Children's Sermon**

**Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer**

**Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Alleluia, Christ is Risen!*

Stuttgart, arr. James Kirkby

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.  
Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heav'nly grace,  
Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! To the Savior who has gained the victory.

(Text: Christopher Wordsworth)

**\*Doxology** *(stand)*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*A Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn**

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

UMH 312

**Honoring Our Graduates**

**High School**—*Kyle Bell, Lukah McKenzie,  
Avery Semler, Tori Yoder*

**College:** *Logan Minner*

**Medical School**—*Captain Emily Minner, MD.*

**\*Gospel Lesson**

Luke 24:44-53

**Sermon**

*What the Ascension Tells Us*

Reverend Dave Leckrone

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

UMH 715

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

*Send Us Now Into Your World*

J. McConnaughey

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord; may we love and serve the living God.

**Postlude** *(be seated)*

*Allegro from Concerto in G after Johann Ernst*

J. S. Bach

*\*indicates standing*

## Altar Table Flowers

To the glory of God, the altar flowers are given *in celebration of all of the 2026 graduates*  
by Bob & Jenn Minner

Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Sue Minner, Sally Sisterhen

### CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Ernie Boyd, Joe Brackett, Kim Braddock, Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Michelle Decoe, Woody Draper, Allison Engle Porter, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, Tylor Freeman, Kristy Foote, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Dee Heilman, Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller, Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Julianne Phillips, Alicia Pullin, Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Howard & Lillie Reynolds, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Laura Schoeller, Miles Schrock, Jill Wyatt Setty, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance, Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

### SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp, Captain Emily Minner, MD.  
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley  
Caiden Craig—Private First Class ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Garrett Weldon  
All troops deployed for the war on Iran

*Please pray for the family and friends of those who have given their lives for our nation.*



**A reception for our graduates  
follows in the chapel after the 10am service.**



Disciple Fast Track is a streamlined Bible study designed for busy people. The program includes two 12-week sessions—one covering the Old Testament and the other the New Testament. Each week features manageable daily readings (3–5 chapters) and a 75-minute group session with video, discussion, and study materials.

**Part 1 begins June 1 at 6:30 p.m. and runs for 12 weeks.**

The study guide costs \$16.99. Please sign up with Gail Baker by May 18 so materials can be ordered. Pay the first night. Contact: [gail@londonfumc.org](mailto:gail@londonfumc.org), 740-852-0462

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Attendance—155 \* ~ Offering—\$3,530.68  
Monthly Need—\$24,800.00



**God's Creative Limits - Saturday, May 23,  
8am, Coffee and Muffins Provided**

When we read Bible verses about god's boundaries that describe creation, we see a God who sets edges and order with intention. As a community, we learn that the world's limits — like shorelines, seasons, and the fixed paths of day and night — are signs of care. These boundaries help life flourish. They show that chaos is held in check and that God's wisdom shaped a world that can sustain us. As we read, we can feel comforted: God is not absent in the details; He set boundaries so life could be predictable, safe, and beautiful. When storms toss the seas, the boundaries remind us that even the wild has limits, and God's design keeps things in balance. We should take these verses into our hearts and remember that the boundaries God set in nature teach us about His protecting hand. They call us to trust His order, to respect the created world, and to follow the example of living within good limits that promote life and peace.

***The men's last Bible study will be May 23rd and then resume on  
Saturday, September 12.***



Enjoy Sunday Brunch at **The Butcher Block Restaurant** and take this bulletin with you! The Butcher Block is graciously giving back to our church! 10% of your Brunch guest check comes back to our church when you present your church bulletin to your server. *Lots of great choices!!!*



**May is FUMC's month at  
the Food Pantry**

The congregation needs to provide 2-3 volunteers (in addition to Mike Jenkins and Joe Brackett who are regulars) each time the Food Pantry is open.

**8:45 to 11:45 Wednesday and Saturday**  
**Please let Gail Baker know if you can cover any  
or all of these dates:**

**20, 23, 26, 30**

The Madison County Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned soup, crackers (saltines, Ritz, e.g.) and bagged/boxed breakfast cereal. We have donation bins here at the church.

## Sunday Leaders

### Sound & Video Technicians

Brian Benedum  
David Cover

Liturgist  
Mikki Budd

### April Ushers

David Emrick, Chair  
Maryann Emrick

Lay Leader  
Henry Comer

### April Hospitality

David & Maryann Emrick

### Children's Church

Kate Hanna, Leader  
Jill Leckrone

## Church Staff

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