

Sunday, May 3, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**-*congregational responses in bold*

Come, people of God, and hear the call of the Lord!

**We come, ready to listen and follow.**

Saul was on the road to Damascus when a great light surrounded him.

**The Lord still shines His light to transform lives today!**

Then let us worship the Lord, who changes hearts and leads us in His way.

**We praise You, Lord, for Your amazing grace! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN      The Summons (Insert) TFWS#2130

**OPENING PRAYER** God, you have called us into your dwelling place where your Holy Spirit abides through and in us. Teach us, O God to follow your plan and will.

**Encourage us to be faithful and obedient to you. May you continue to use us and fulfill your kingdom just as you have done before. May we be a light in the darkness for your purpose and glory. In Jesus name, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE      As the children come forward, please sing "Jesus Loves Me" First Verse only UMH#191

JOYS/CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

PREPATORY HYMN

Where He Leads me I will Follow UMH#338

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 9:1-19

SERMON

We are Called to Follow

**HOLY COMMUNION** In the United Methodist tradition, we believe in a table open to all because this is the table of Jesus Christ. All who desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus and choose to partake are welcome and received with love. Our bread is gluten-free. If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate as you come forward to receive communion. Please join in the bolded responses of the liturgy beginning on page 12 in your red pew hymnal. The responses will also be on the screen.

DOXOLOGY/PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (insert) TFWS#2129

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please remain seated until after the Postlude. Let this time center you to **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously** this week*

## Questions to ponder this week

- Where have you seen God redirect your "zeal" toward His purposes?
- How has God interrupted your plans for His better plan
- Who in your life seems "too far gone" for God's grace?

## Prayer Requests-

### Sunday, April 26, 2026

In Person Worship Attendance-58

Tithes, Offerings, & Loose plate: \$1,651.30

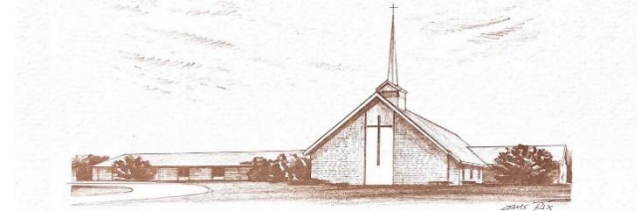
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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PORT BYRON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



***United Methodist Church Mission:*** *The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

***United Methodist Church Vision:*** *The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

***Port Byron 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Mission:*** *The mission of the Port Byron First United Methodist Church is to center the congregation with God and Jesus Christ, to develop authentic relationships in a faithful community and communion of grace, and to honor God and all of Their creation.*

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