

**PORT BYRON FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

May 18, 2025

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE

\*LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION MOMENT

*“Be Still and Know, God Is God” – Psalm 46:10*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from “Chalice Lighting for Music Sunday” by Marnie Singer*

Today we celebrate the gift of songs, instruments, and voices! Let us focus our attention on the altar candles as symbols of music.

**The chalice is the container—the space where the musicians and the listeners gather.**

The oil is the fuel—the hours of practice and the life experiences of everyone in this sanctuary.

**The wick is the instruments and vocal cords through which the music flows.**

And the flame—the flame! is the music that is created when the instruments are lifted, the breath is inhaled, and the downbeat sounds.

**ALL: May this flame ignite the music within us all!**

\*OPENING HYMN: “Lord of the Dance” #261 UMH

ENTERING INTO A TIME OF SONG

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #89 UMH

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” #431 UMH

“Amazing Grace” #378

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please sing “This Little Light of Mine” #585 as the children come forward.

JOYS & CONCERNS

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

BLESSING OF THE WHISPERING HILLS DONATIONS

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, and The Lord’s Prayer

A TIME OF SONG CONTINUES

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” #64 UMH

“Thy Word Is a Lamp” #601 UMH

“Are Ye Able” #530 UMH

OFFERING – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #110

\*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH & OFFERTORY PRAYER

“In the Garden” #314 UMH

“God Be with You till We Meet Again” #672 UMH

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Hymn of Promise” #707 UMH

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Please remain seated until the postlude has concluded to enjoy the music and center yourself for the week ahead.

\*Please stand as you are able in mind, body and spirit.

## CHURCH STAFF

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## Attendance at Worship

05/11/2025: Attendance: Worship 85

Wired Word: 6

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

***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 His creation.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Sunday morning Coffee and Donut time starts at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Donut time will take a break after Memorial Day and will resume the Sunday after Labor Day.
- **GROW** Wednesdays. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm, Discipleship and Activities from 7:30-8:30 pm. The last **GROW** meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21.
- **Adult Bible Study** Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

### MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Immediate Food Pantry*

***Needs*** - The Upper Rock Island County Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church has immediate needs for kid-friendly summer food items: cereal and single-serve meals. ***Be sure that your donations are within the “best by/best use” expiration date and that the item has not been opened. The food pantry cannot accept items that are expired.*** Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry!

### MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Wish List for the Mission*

***Welcome Kits:*** The Mission Committee is preparing ongoing Welcome Kits for new residents at Whispering Hills. The following items are needed: shampoo, body soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, small laundry detergent,

cleaning wipes, small all-purpose cleaner, single-roll paper towels, and a 4-pack of toilet paper. Thank you for your donations and support of this local mission!

**OTHER EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR:**

**Sunday, May 18-** Riverdale High School Graduation 1:30pm

**Wednesday, May 21** - Please note this is not the normal date. United Women in Faith are meeting for a work day at Argrow's House in Moline. We will meet at the church at 9:30am and do outside lawn care. Dress accordingly. Opportunities for indoor work are available. All women of the church are welcome to participate. If you have questions or need more information, contact Nancy Hatcher.

**Coming this summer:** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Road Trip: On the Go With God! Open to children from 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. June 9-11th from 9-11:30 am. Family VBS Night on June 11<sup>th</sup> in the evening. VBS Youth Leader lunch and fun June 12th. See Kathy Mahraun or Bree Heim if you are interested in being a youth or adult helper!