

Sunday, April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP-congregational responses in bold*

Come, people of God, stand on holy ground for God is here!

Speak, Lord, for we are listening!

God sees the suffering of His people and calls us to be part of His work.

Here we are, Lord—send us!

Then let us worship the Lord, who speaks to us today. **We will go in faith, trusting in the great I AM! Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN*

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

CALL TO CONFESSION Scripture reminds us: “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” So, with humility and hope, let us come before God in prayer, confessing our sins and opening our hearts to the renewing work of the Spirit. *(Pause for silent confession)* Let us pray,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **God of the Exodus, the God who saves, the God who leads us into new spiritual and physical lands: We come to you today to confess that though you are calling, we often are not listening. When you give us a task, we resist it. We have many excuses,**

just as Moses did so long ago. We claim a lack of time, a lack of skills, a lack of clarity, and a lack of energy. What we are actually saying is we are afraid we may fail, or we may become a target for those who complain about changes. Forgive us for our failure to listen, to believe, and to act. Drive us into the future you set before us with the courage that comes from believing you will equip us for anything you ask us to do. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Through the grace of Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Glory to God! Alleluia!

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

I’m Goin’a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing UMH#333

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 4:1-13

SERMON We are Called and Equipped
Rev. Ann Champion

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

The Summons (Insert) TFWS#2130

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

- What "ordinary tools" has God placed in your hands? Where do you feel inadequate for God's calling?
- How have you seen God work through your weaknesses?

Prayer Requests-

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Attendance-60

Tithes, Offerings, & Loose plate: \$2,848.00

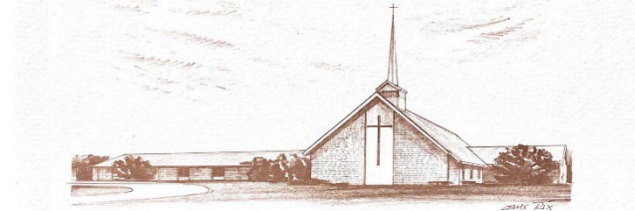
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PORT BYRON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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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.*

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