

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 17th, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM

Graduation
SUNDAY

“The human mind plans the way,
but only God directs the steps.”
-Proverbs 16:9



“‘Just know the plans I have for
you,’ declares God,
‘plans to prosper you
and not harm you,
plans to give you hope
and a bright future.’”
-Jeremiah 29:11

The Rev. Caleb McGregor, *pastor*



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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"You are braver than you know, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

-Alan Alexander Milne

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -E. Roosevelt

"Although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Christ by grace."

-Saint Augustine

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L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit

UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS – The Faith We Sing

(1) *The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

† EASTER CHORUS: *This is the Day*

WORDS OF WELCOME

FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

†*HYMN OF PRAISE: *O Christ, When You Ascended* W&S 3087

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)



(2) *We listen to what God is saying to us!*

SCRIPTURE

Letter from Jude

("All My Days")

MESSAGE

Truth in a Counterfeit Age

(3) *We respond to what God is saying to us!*

†*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Faith & Learning* TFWS 2004

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Combatting Xenophobia***

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

(4) *We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO GIVE

RECOGNIZING OUR 2026 GRADUATES

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *You Are Mine* (vs. 1 & 4) TFWS 22

*A BLESSING AND GOING FORTH

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Prayer List:

Please pray for these members & friends throughout **MAY**:

**The Boerners / The Arendts / The Lindroths / The Frosts / The Bergs /
The Bauers / Maribeth L-S. / Revs. Caleb & Doug**

Our Care-Assisted: Mabel; Midge & Jim; Mary; Chris; Lynn R.; Phil; Norm; Kathleen

Our At-Home: Joann & Peter K., Maribeth L-S.

Our Children: Addisyn; Brynlee; Eliza; Ella; Gabriel; Gabrielle; Gracie; Sawyer; Symphony

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Korbin B.; Lilyann S.

From 4/19: Prayers for: **people of Lebanon**; victims of storm damage and flooding throughout WI; **Mary L.** who is suffering from ALS; Art H. for pace maker implant surgery on Friday (Diane); **Dawn O.**, horse-riding accident (Diane); **Midge & Jim H.** comfort and rehab. JOY: for **family & friends** in the Wausau area not adversely affected by Friday night's tornado! (Candy).

From 4/26: Prayers for: our friend, **George**, who had surgery this week for kidney cancer (Hintz); the family of **Dianne P.**, who died on April 17th after a courageous battle with cancer (Thomasgards); healing for my friend, **Linda**, who endured a 6-hour surgery with 3 surgeons this last week (McGraths).

From 5/3: Prayers for: **Art H.**; our neighbor, **Mary F.**, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer (Chuck); my sister, **Jeannie**, who is having some health issues (Kathy Mc.); Bill P.'s dad, **Ray**, who is now on hospice care at home (Jody); a **friend** whose husband passed away this week (Nina); **Eli W.**, a 9-year-old son of my nephew, Doug, in burn unit in Springfield, MO (Sue M.).

From 5/10: Prayers for: a neighbor, **Marsha**, suffering from a bad fall (Lucy); **family of Ray Parks**, Bill's father; **Sue**; **Eli**.

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (5/18): James 1:1-18

Tuesday (5/19): James 1:19-27

Wednesday (5/20): James 2

Thursday (5/21): James 3

Friday (5/22): James 4

Saturday (5/23): James 5

Sunday (5/24): Acts 2:1-21

MAY MISSION PROJECTS:

1. Parsonage Stonework Project (\$2,435 of \$5,000 goal!)
2. Miracle Sunday – TODAY!

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

THIS WEEK'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

- *Prayer theme:* Remember those who are shaken or doubting; pray for those who distort God's love based on power or fear. Pray for our graduates!
- *Consider:* What voices have shaped me the most and how have they helped me produce fruit in my life?
- *Action:* Sit with someone who is questioning & listen without correction; protect a vulnerable person this week from harmful voices.

Sunday Services – 10a

TODAY – May 17th

Ascension Sunday / Graduates' Day

Scripture: Book of Jude / Choir Performs
Cake Reception after the service

May 24th

Day of Pentecost / Memorial Sunday

Scripture: Acts 2, The Holy Spirit Arrives!

May 31st

TRINITY SUNDAY – Communion Sunday

Scripture: Unknown

June 7th

Special Guest Speaker: BobbyJoy

Scripture: Unknown

June 14th

Scripture: Unknown

June 21st

Outdoor Service @ PEUMC

w/ Marshfield Wesley + potluck

Scripture: Unknown

Looking Ahead

G.R.A.C.E. TRIVIA NIGHT

First U.C.C., Rapids – Fellowship Hall

TONIGHT - 4:00p – 6:00p

Help eliminate local student debt

SCHOOL VOUCHER TRANSPARENCY

A Community Presentation and Discussion
Thurs., May 28th – 6:30 PM – J.E. High School

John Edwards H.S. Graduation

Saturday, May 30th – 11 – 1pm