

ASCENSION SUNDAY
May 17, 2026

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

PRELUDE "Come, Holy Spirit"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

People: Through Christ, we are made one with God.

Leader: In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

People: Through Christ, we are made one in God.

Leader: Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

People: Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

Leader: So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crowns" UMH 327

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 888

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:44-53 NT – page 85

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Miller/Miller
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON Autumn Gentry

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH as we sing:
Jesus loves you this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you. Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells me so. UMH 191

SERMON "He Opened Their Minds" Reverend Ed Priestaf

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus"

* DOXOLOGY No. 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 up lifts! Praise
the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN TFWS 2241
"The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION HYMN (8:45 only)

*POSTLUDE "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

VISITORS

Welcome to Long Memorial
United Methodist Church!

We are glad that God guided
you to be a part of our worship
today.

___ First time visitor

___ New in the community

___ Would you like to
receive our newsletter?

(Place this in the offering plate
or give to the Pastor)

Please share your contact
information so we may
welcome you and fulfill your
requests.

Name(s):

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

May we visit you? _____

___ I need prayer regarding

_____ (be specific)

___ I know someone who needs prayer

(your name)

___ I need a call/visit from the Pastor

___ I would like to become a member of Long Memorial UMC

Name:

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

(Place this in the offering plate or give to the Pastor)

*Please Stand As You Are Able

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God in celebration of two special college graduates, Noah Thomas Paith and Stephen Joseph Paith, and to All 2026 High School and College graduates, by Stacey, Scott, Greta, and Don Paith.

THIS WEEK AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC:
Tuesday - Preschool Staff – A.M./P.M. Harris Hall
Sunday: 8:45 A.M. – Early Church – Chapel
11:00 A.M. – Worship Service – Sanctuary

PRAYER LIST: Jeff Fitzgerald, Keith Starr, Ron Priestaf, Peggy Wade

A nursery (located in front of the church office) is available. Parents – please set your phones on vibrate and leave your cell number with our nursery staff so that if you are needed they will be able to get in touch with you.

Church Staff:
Rev. Ed Priestaf, Pastor
Charles Higgins, Director of Music
Peggy Wade, Church Secretary
Pam Day, Preschool Director
Autumn Gentry, Children & Youth Ministries Director
Billie Oakley, Church Treasurer
Sherry Clayton & Kayla Brown, Nursery Attendants
Wilbur Brann, Hunt Fitzgerald, Audio Technicians



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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

*Our Mission Is To Make Disciples Of Jesus
For The Transformation Of The World*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
We welcome you to Long Memorial United Methodist Church! It is our sincere desire that your worship time with us will be enjoyable and edifying. If you are interested in learning more about our community please see the “visitor” section of this bulletin.