

Good morning and welcome! We are glad you are here today. For more information about the church, please contact Lisa in the office at UMCADEL@msn.com or call 515-993-3791. The office is open Monday-Friday, 10:00am-2:00pm. To contact Pastor Elizabeth: pastorelizabethbell@gmail.com or 641-919-4776.

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Did You Know?

Why Do We Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in the United States?

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is widely interpreted as a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with substantial Mexican-American populations.

Chicano activists raised awareness of the holiday in the 1960s, in part because they identified with the victory of Indigenous Mexicans (such as Juárez) over European invaders during the Battle of Puebla.

Today, revelers mark the occasion with parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing and traditional foods such as tacos and mole poblano. Some of the largest festivals are held in Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston.

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/cinco-de-mayo/#why-do-we-celebrate-cinco-de-mayo-in-the-united-states>

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30 am– Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 10am Worship– Communion
- Greeters: Matt Bonus Family
- Lead Usher: T. Otis

Monday, May 6

- Counters: B. Brock & T. Hanson

Tuesday, May 7

Wednesday, May 8

- 5pm– 6:30pm Wednesday Meal
- 6:30pm Praise Band Practice
- 6:30pm Youth Group
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, May 9

Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

- 8:30am Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 10am Worship
- Greeters:
- Liturgist: Molly Longman
- Lead Usher: Terry Otis

Monday, May 13

- Counters: T. Hanson & N. Renner
- 5pm Trustee Meeting
- 7pm Finance Meeting



May 5th, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
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Rev. Elizabeth Bell

Liturgist: Molly Longman

Pianist: Maggie Jambor

Praise Band

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greetings and Announcements

***Praise Band** *All the People Said Amen*

***Call to Worship**

Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

We, who so often take the wonders of creation for granted, welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God. We come here this morning to worship and to praise you, glad that we live in this country filled with such diverse and beautiful examples of your creation. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations and lifestyles. Some are burdened down with the stresses of daily living and all that involves; some wearied from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and where that is all leading. Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all. Jesus also offers us his joy so that our joy might be complete. Confident in these promises, we offer this time of worship to you, O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that Jesus has done for us. This we pray in his name. Amen.

Hymn *On Eagle's Wings* **UMH 143**

NT Reading 1 John 5: 1-6 NT. 241

Psalm Reading **Psalm 98** **UMH 818**

Anthem *Mamma's*

Children's Moments **Pastor Elizabeth**

Joys & Concerns Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Reading **John 15: 9-17** **NT. 109**

Sermon Pastor Elizabeth

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings. He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy. Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another. In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion **UMH 7**
Praise Band *Graves into Gardens*

***Benediction**

Beloveds, may God bless you with the strength to love one another as God loves each and every one of you, that you may find the complete, total, **and everlasting joy that comes when we abide together with God who is Love. Amen.**

***Go Now In Peace** (remain standing as we carry out the light of Christ)

(Please stand as you are able.)*