



FIRST UMC OF WEST DUNDE

| MAY 4, 2025

Welcome!

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by * Please join in speaking the words in bold.

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord heard my voice and turned his ear to me. Therefore, I will call upon him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, save me!" I was in great need and he delivered me. Be at rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

For the Lord has raised up my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

from Psalm 116

*HYMN

Stay With Us

TFWS #2199

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we walk in faith, following a path that leads to you. We won't look back; we can't see what's ahead. We know only now. Trusting in your goodness, we move from day to day, growing in grace and in love through the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

Gentle Shepherd

W&S #3096

THE LESSON

Luke 24:1 3-35

MESSAGE

Defining Moments: Stay With Us

Pastor Rick Carlson

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

***HYMN**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH #133

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of sharing in the Fireside Room.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters	Tom and Sherry Miller, Sonja Hunter
Liturgist	Julie Johnson
Media	Dane Granholm, Laura Suskin
Pastor	Pastor Rick Carlson

Adult Education Forum

You're invited to join our weekly Adult Education Forum, where we explore meaningful questions about our faith, values, and beliefs. This forum is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and a deeper understanding of how our faith shapes our lives. We meet in the library from 8:45 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings prior to worship.

Fellowship Sundays – Share Your Favorite Treats!

Pick a Sunday to bring some of your favorite snacks or treats to share! Fellowship time is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to gather, catch up, and welcome new friends. Sign up to host and help make our time together even more special!

Special Music

Do you or someone you know have a musical talent to share? We're coordinating music for our worship services and would love for you to be a part of it! Please reach out to Marcia or call/text 331-276-7979.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

Theme: A Day at Rocky Point Lighthouse

Join us for a special 2-evening Vacation Bible School where kids will *shine God's light*!

Dates: Thursday, June 26 & Friday, June 27

Time: 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Where: First United Methodist Church

It'll be an unforgettable adventure at Rocky Point Lighthouse filled with faith, fun, and fellowship!

More details coming soon!

How can you help? We're always looking for volunteers and support—there's a place for everyone to get involved!

Questions? Please reach out to Amanda Tracy or Laura Suskin.

Let's get ready to shine bright together!



Teen Girl Mission Group

The United Women in Faith at FUMC is organizing a group of teen girls to work on local service/mission projects in our community. Teens will earn community service volunteer hours. Teens do not need to be members of FUMC or attend regularly. Any teen girl would be welcome to join this service group.

First meeting/project:

Sunday, May 18th, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Youth Room in the lower level
First United Methodist Church West Dundee
318 West Main St, West Dundee

Project: We will be assembling oral hygiene kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, flossers, lip balm) for donation to a Shoebox Christmas gift ministry assembled for children and Teens who live in the Spirit Lake Native American Reservation in South Dakota. We will discuss ideas for future projects.

Donations are welcome:

Toothpaste- We need this item the most
lip balm
Toothbrushes (single or multipack)
flossers

Please contact us if you are interested in attending this meeting or future meetings:

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