



10:00 Worship Service

May 3, 2026



Welcome to NEUMC!

We're glad you're here! Thank You for joining us today!

Our Mission is to Know Jesus and Make Him Known

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*HYMN, 545

"The Church's One Foundation"
Verses 1-3

Processional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 559

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
Verses 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Lamb's Corner"

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 119:9-24
1 Peter 2:2-10

SONG

"Sanctuary"

Sing Twice

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Antoinette

"Asking Questions"
John 14:1-14

THE WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION, 886

We believe in God, Creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, be peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

The kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING

There are 4 ways to give. See back of bulletin.

*DOXOLOGY, 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Wine and grape juice are used for communion. The chalices have wine.
Grape juice is available in the center. Gluten free bread is used for communion.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Sharing "peace" with one another is an ancient Christian tradition rooted in the teachings of Jesus and practices of the Christian community. It also serves as a way for members to reconcile before receiving Holy Communion. Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. God's peace be with you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

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.

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 for ever.

Amen.

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CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN

"Here I Am to Worship"

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.



We are delighted that you have joined us in worship!
We hope your experience at NEUMC was enjoyable and encouraging.
Please join us for *Cookie Time* fellowship following the service.

Sermon NOTES



“Asking Questions”

John 14:1-14

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. **4** And you know the way to the place where I am going.” **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” **8** Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” **9** Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe[e] because of the works themselves. **12** Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Lectionary Devotional Reading for the week of May 3

Proverbs 4:10-18

Psalms 119:9-32

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Fresh Food

AT THE BLESSING BOX

The Outreach/Witness Committee is planning a Fresh Food at the Blessing Box event on May 9 from 9:00 – 10:30. We hope to have eggs, milk, bread, and fruits and vegetables available, and our goal is to serve families who use the Blessing Box regularly and families of children who receive food through our Backpack program. If you're interested in participating or contributing fresh food to this event, please speak to Gaye Christmus or Jane DeCristofaro.



HOW CAN WE HELP? Epworth provides care for children and families in our community who have experienced trauma through abuse, neglect, and loss. This care helps to break the destructive cycle and sets them on a better path. On Sunday, May 10, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. For more information, please visit Epworth online at www.epworthsc.org.

Let's learn and
grow together!

Sunday
SCHOOL

TIME: 9:00 AM

- Overcomers (Room 212)** - Living Into God's Promises
- Pairs & Spares (Room 214)** - Bible Stories for Grown-Ups
- Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208)** - The Upper Room
- Older Kids & Youth (Room 213)** - Lessons in the Bible
- Preschool & Young Kids (Room 206)** - Lessons in the Bible



Join Our Mailing List!
 Want to receive the church emails?
 Please scan the QR code to sign up.

MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

Prayer request cards are located in the card holders on the back of the chairs.

- **Luca Pizzello and his family.** Baby Luca has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The family needs lots of prayer as they navigate his care and development.
- **Larry Markham,** for continued strength.
- **Carol Rytlewski,** Nikki Shaffner's mother, for continued healing from her accident.
- **Dallas Petty,** recovering from the flu and has cancer.
- **Chris & Kara Bishop.** Chris has been diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia.
- **Kathy, Lori Beth Wissler's sister,** who is experiencing medical issues.
- **Betty McCall,** Sylvia Cousin's aunt, who has heart problems.
- **Wanda Chandler,** Bianca Brazell's mother, for continued recovery following her chemotherapy treatment.
- **Marion Crowell,** Stephen Crowell's mother, for her overall health.
- **Doug Miro,** Ryon Miro's father, recovering from a stroke.
- **Tammie Sloop, Brooks Shealy & Mattia Hilmer** for their overall health.
- **Liz Hetzler,** Forrest Horn's sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard & Mark Grace**
- **Our military and first responders.**
- **Our missionaries:**
 - Matt & Jenny Williams:** Athletes in Action Cru
 - Steve & Stephanie Bredesen:** Nakalanda, Uganda
 - Ben & Jenny Reyes**

HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY

We are a family and we encourage anyone who feels led by God to visit those who are sick or homebound. Following are our homebound: Sandra Miller

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team create shawls and other items for you to share with those who need encouragement. When you give a shawl away, you are sharing the love and prayers of NEUMC. The prayer shawls are kept in the Prayer Center if one is needed. Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

ACOLYTE

Youth

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LAY LEADER Larry Griner	LAY LEADER Stephen Crowell
COMMUNION PREPARER Diane Horn	COMMUNION PREPARER Danna Griner
COMMUNION SERVERS Diane Horn, Pat Christiansen & Jennifer Wargel	COMMUNION SERVERS Dan & Gaye Christmas & Danna Griner
SCRIPTURE READER Harry Berry	SCRIPTURE READER CJ Miro
DESIGNATED FRIENDS Jane Scott & Debbie Hoesly	DESIGNATED FRIENDS Melanie Hafner & Jane DeCristofaro
GREETERS Charlie & Ann Henry	GREETERS Danna Griner & Elizabeth Chamblee
PRAYER WARRIOR Ann Henry	PRAYER WARRIOR Jane DeCristofaro
OFFERING COUNTERS Mike Munn & Pat Hoesly	OFFERING COUNTERS Stephen Crowell & Larry Griner

There are 4 ways to give:

- (1) as offering is collected
- (2) mail a check to the church
- (3) setup recurring giving online: neumc.com/give
- (4) use the QR Code to give online

Scan to Give Online



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OFFICE HOURS

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM: MONDAY - FRIDAY



Class of 2026

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Elle Tyler Lockard

Dreher High School
Attending University of South Carolina
Granddaughter of John & Mary Anne Lockard

Anna Markham

Belmont University
Honors in Bachelor of Science from School of Entertainment
and Music Business Audio Engineering Technology
Minor in Computer Science
Granddaughter of Larry & Dianne Markham

Brennan Markham

Durham School of Arts
Attending Davidson College
Majoring in Physics
Grandson of Larry & Dianne Markham

Carolyn Jeanne Miro

Spring Valley High School
Attending Louisiana State University
Majoring in Kinesiology
Daughter of Ryon & Kristen Miro



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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Finn Murray

Spring Valley High School
Attending College of Charleston
Majoring in Marketing
Grandson of Larry & Dianne Markham

Christopher Matthew Wargel

University of South Carolina
Bachelor of Science in Integrated Information Technology (IIT)
Plans to work for University of South Carolina's IT Service Desk
Son of Brian & Jennifer Wargel

Emma Christine Wargel

University of South Carolina - Sumter
Associate Degree in Science
Transferring to University of South Carolina - Aiken
Plans to enter the Nursing Program
Daughter of Brian & Jennifer Wargel

Hannah Williamson

Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
Attending College of Charleston
Double Major in Marine Science and BioCam
Daughter of Sarah Williamson
Granddaughter of Charlie & Ann Henry



United Women in Faith

TODAY
11:30 AM
Room 102

An invitation is extended to the women of the church.

Sandlapper Elementary School Food Program Today



[View list of items](#)



[Place order on Amazon](#)

NEUMC continues to support Sandlapper Elementary School through the Richland Two Backpack Program. The goal is to decrease weekends without adequate nourishment by providing additional foods as a supplement for families. Food items are collected the first Sunday of each month. A collection box is located in the narthex for the items or place an order online. The congregation is invited to stay after church today to help assemble the bags and pray for the children receiving them. To view a list of suggested menu items, please visit our website at neumc.com.

NEUMC *Picnic*

MAY 17 | 11:30 AM

Join Us for a Fun
Day on Our
Church Grounds

Following the
10:00 AM Service



We will be having a church picnic on May 17. Plan on bringing a side dish or dessert to share. A sign-up list will be in the narthex.

The church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers.

If you have a favorite backyard game, feel free to bring it to share in the fun!

Any questions...please see one of the lay leaders!