

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

10:00 AM

WHITE

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER’S DAY RECOGNITION

♣WE GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS

PRELUDE: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

INTROIT: *Give Thanks*

INVOCATION: 

Marianne Eaton

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

No. 381

♣CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

People: **By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God’s love might be made plain among us.**

Leader: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

People: **Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.**

All: **This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

♣RINGING OF THE TRINITY

♣AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed 

No. 881

♣GLORIA PATRI 

No. 70

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER: *Open Our Eyes*

PASTORAL PRAYER/ THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

CHILDREN’S TIME: 

Lindsay Jackson

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Give Thanks*

♣DOXOLOGY 

No. 94

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: *John 10:22-30*

ANTHEM: *A Mother’s Love*

SERMON: 

Rev. Paula J. Stover

DEDICATION OF BAGS FOR WOMEN’S SHELTER

SENDING FORTH

♣HYMN OF DEDICATION: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

No. 175



BENEDICTION: *Alleluia*


POSTLUDE: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

♣Congregation Stands [Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit]

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Johnny, Gail, and Katie Collins to the glory of God and in honor of all the mothers of our church.

Lectionary readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 18, 2025  
- Acts 11:1-18 - Psalm 148 - Revelation 21:1-6 - John 13:31-35





Welcome!

We welcome you to Socastee United Methodist Church. If you wish to join this church, you may do so by contacting the church office at **(843) 650-3373** or email at [sumc@socasteeumc.org](mailto:sumc@socasteeumc.org). Thank you for worshipping with us today.

We love our new and returning visitors and ask that you please put your name and contact information in one of our red pads found in the pews.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a loving congregation that strives to show the love of Christ to the world.*

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Nursery is available in the Fellowship Hall for children through age 4 during Sunday School and worship.  
Children’s Church is available for ages 5yrs – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fellowship Hall after Children’s Time.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our nursery caregiver group is down in number due to surgeries and family crises. As we adhere to Safe Sanctuary guidelines of two volunteers per Sunday, we ask that you consider joining our crew to tend the littlest United Methodists among us every 4-5weeks. Typically, we have no more than 3 little ones, often only 1 or 2. If you wish, you may live-stream the service, unless you are reading Goodnight Moon ten times. Contact Lindsay Jackson or Carly Hall for more information.

EPWORTH

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother’s Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children, youth and families served by Epworth through all of its programs. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother’s Day Offering on the insert in your bulletin. Give generously by using the envelope provided in the bulletin or gift online at [www.epworthsc.org/donate](http://www.epworthsc.org/donate). For more information about Epworth, visit online at [www.epworthsc.org](http://www.epworthsc.org).

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Join us for Wonderful Wednesday this Thursday, May 14, at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu includes hamburgers and picnic sides, and we will be playing BINGO.

SERVING US TODAY

Choir Director: Lauren Willis

Organist: Marianne Eaton

Pianist: Lauren Willis

Lay Reader: Charlotte Loiselle

Crucifer: TBD

Acolyte: TBD

Nursery: Lindsay Jackson & Ginger Ford

Ushers: Steve Shuppy, Jimmy Redmon, Paula Plank and Barb Wolfe

Steward: John McLaughlin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC

Today:

May 11

All Day

10:00 AM

Monday:

5:00 PM

7:00 PM

Tuesday:

9:00 AM

2:00 PM

5:30 PM

Wednesday:

11:00 AM

5:30 PM

5:45 PM

6:45 PM

Thursday:

10:30 AM

Friday:

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

Saturday:

10:00 AM

Mother’s Day

Worship Service/NS

May 12

Cub Scout Troop 891/FH

Boy Scout Troop 891/FH

May 13

Stitchers/John Wesley Room

UMW-Upper Room Bible Study/FH-201

Girl Scouts End of Year Ceremony/FH

May 14

Women of Hope/John Wesley Room

Wonderful Wednesday/FH

Adult Bell Choir Practice/Bell Choir Room

Chancel Choir Practice/FH-109

May 15

Thursday Bible Study/John Wesley

May 16

TLC Mother’s Day Tea/FH

Line Dancing

May 17

Eagle Scout Ceremony/FH

UNITED METHODIST ADVOCATE

If you are a new member of SUMC, you are entitled to a FREE one-year subscription to “The United Methodist Advocate,” the monthly Methodist newspaper found in South Carolina. If you are interested, please contact the church office at (843) 650-3373.

### OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

**In Hospital:** No one at this time.

**In Rehabilitation:** Patricia Wittenbecher

**In Home Visitations:** Dot Froelich, Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, and Emily Michael

### REMEMBER OUR MILITARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

The addresses of all our military family members will be held in the office and can be made available to anyone who would like them.

♣Major Jon-Michael Farino (USAF)    ♣1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Jacob Hedges  
♣M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin        ♣CT4 Halle Rae Anderson  
♣Airman First Class Cassie Edwards    ♣SSgt. Warren Scoggin  
♣Captains Jennifer and Marc Melfi    ♣CM Sgt. Jessica Heilman  
♣Army Ranger Private Isaac Hedges    ♣Captain Melisa Hedges

### USHERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to usher, please contact Lori Rogers at [nana61.lr@gmail.com](mailto:nana61.lr@gmail.com) or 571-235-8701.

### ADULT HANDBELLS

Can you read music, but can't find a way to express your talent? Come join our Handbell Choir. The only requirement is to read music. We meet only during the school year months every Wednesday from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM in the Bell Choir Room. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Jan at [jterrel7421@gmail.com](mailto:jterrel7421@gmail.com).

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for bulletin items is every Tuesday at midnight. Please make sure you email your information to the church office at [sumc@socasteeumc.org](mailto:sumc@socasteeumc.org) before the deadline. If you miss the deadline, please write down your item and it to the pastor before service beings.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us in the parking lot nearest the 1875 Sanctuary on May 18, at 4:00 PM for the blessing of the animals. Those who can keep their teeth to themselves are welcome to bring their humans with a chair and attend on a leash. Those who cannot or wish not to socialize may remain in the car. Each will receive a blessing, a certificate, and treat. Join us whether you have an animal or not as we celebrate creation and all that share the earth with us.

### A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS & ATTENDANCE

May 4, 2025

Sunday Scholl – 21    10:00 AM Service – 115

Online Views – 51

### BUDGETING OPERATING FUND [04/27/2025]

Received this week .....10,701.20  
Received this week online.....1,160.00  
Needed each week .....9,196.00  
Received this year .....108,548.90

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS [04/27/2025]

Haiti Mission.....100.00  
Mission Books.....100.00  
Garcie's Heart Card Ministry.....25.00

### BUILDING TOGETHER FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

*"I will not offer to God that which cost me nothing"*

2 Samuel 24:24

Received to complete Fellowship Hall **[04/27/2025]** .....240.00  
Loan Balance as of **[03/24/2025]** on Fellowship Ha.l..176,827.32  
YTD contributions for Fellowship Hall Campaign .....4,570.00  
Balance of Fellowship Hall Campaign Fund.....12,171.04

### 1875 SANCTUARY CONTRIBUTIONS [04/27/2025]

Received for 1875 Sanctuary.....0.00  
Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Fund .....61,252.08  
Received for 1875 Sanctuary Renovation Fund .....1,075.00  
Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Renovation Fund.....58,185.00

### IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

**[04/27/2025]**

Received in Coins of Change for Improvements.....63.50  
Improvement Fund & Coins of Change Balance [CIF]..18,675.34

### GIVING QR CODE



In an effort to make it easier for regular attenders and visitors to give online, we have included a QR code on the bulletin. Simply scan the code with your smart phone and the link will take you directly to our secure online giving site in Realm.



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