

Prelude
He....by Jack Richards

Phil Haga, organist

Words of Greeting

Call to Worship

Today is Ascension Sunday,
when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!
But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.
Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

Let's get to work!

**Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer
and praise!**

Amen

Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Phil Haga
UMH 89

*At this time, we invite you to bring forward your weekly offering to the plate
and your missions giving to the basket. Today's mission offering will go to our Annual
Conference offering, supporting Change for Children poverty ministries.*

Doxology

UMH 94

Responsive Scripture Reading

UMH 781

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Casey Irwin

*Prayer request cards can be brought to the altar rail,
or left at the exit near the bulletins.*

Silent Prayer

We invite you to name aloud persons you are praying for.

Pastoral prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Responsive Song

**Into my heart, into my heart,
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come in to stay,
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Special Music

Holy Ground

Gregory Allen, soloist

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon

Live to Serve: Ready, Set, Go

Rev. Casey Irwin

Hymn of Benediction

How Firm a Foundation

Phil Haga
UMH 529

Benediction

Rev. Casey Irwin

Postlude

*Heralds of Christ, Who Bear the King's Commands.....by Charles
Lawson*

Phil Haga, organist

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Announcements

Our new audio/visual system is live! We are training volunteers to set up and run the system during worship. No experience necessary. Sign up for a Sunday to shadow our current team or contact Blake Irwin k.blake.irwin2@gmail.com to set up a training. Serve on the rotation or as a substitute. Your gifts bring amplified worship in-person and at-home!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Everyone is invited to be a part of the Chancel Choir. We share simple, high quality songs so that the trained and untrained singers all have a way to share their gifts. **Next presentation - Sunday, June 18th.** Rehearsals are immediately following 11 a.m. worship.

Lunch with us! Sunday, June 4, join us after 11 AM worship for a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall. If the weather cooperates, we'll move onto the lawn and enjoy good food and time together.

Annual Conference Mission Offerings and School Kits are being collected until Sunday, June 4. You can donate a completed kit, or a monetary donation for shipping (\$5/kit) or for purchasing the school supplies (\$23/kit).

Church Office Hours:

Sundays 2-6 PM
Tuesdays 5-8 PM
Wednesdays 5-8 PM

Pastor Casey will be out of town June 12-25.

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Common Ground Fellowship Worship (Chapel)
	11:00 a.m.	First UMC Worship
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
1st & 3rd Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Man-Hu Ministries Shabbat Worship (Fellowship Hall)

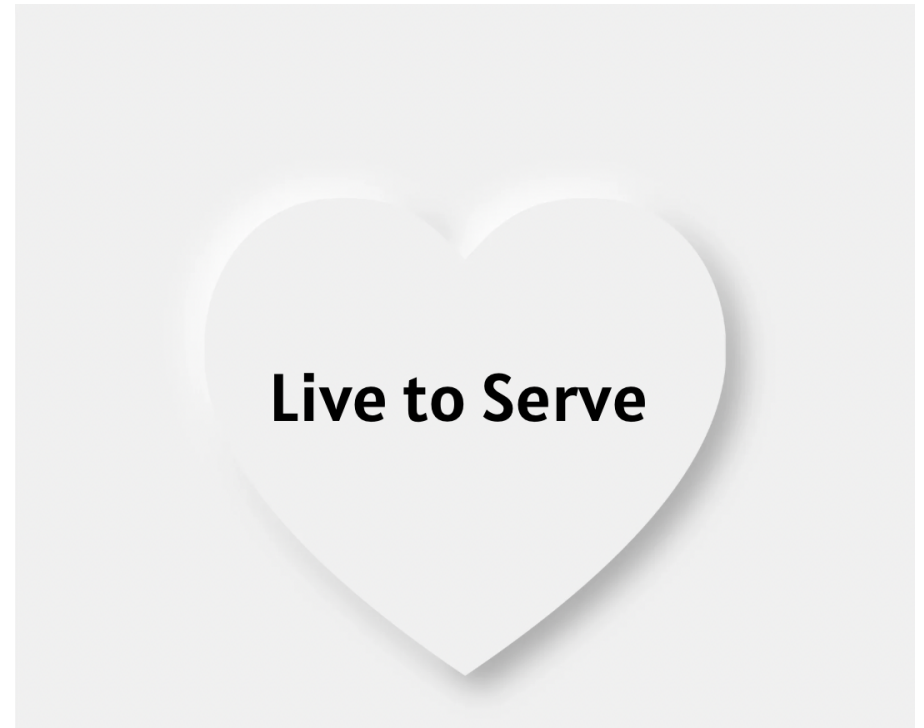
Upcoming Dates

Sunday, May 21	12:15 p.m.	Worship and Faith in Arts Meeting
Sunday, June 4	after worship	Church-wide Potluck
June 4-7		Holston Annual Conference Meeting at Lake Junaluska
Sunday, June 11	after worship	Trustees Meeting
Sunday, July 2	9:30 a.m.	Worship time changes to 9:30

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First United Methodist Church, Bristol

11:00 AM Worship

May 21, 2023

Ascension Sunday

Children's worship boxes are available in the West lobby.
Coffee and other hot beverages are available in the East lobby.