

**Prelude** Phil Haga, organist

**Words of Greeting**

**Opening Prayer** *From UMC Discipleship Resources*

**Merciful One,**  
you know when we are afraid to love;  
you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy.  
Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears.  
Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,  
even in the face of our imperfections.  
Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection,  
that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.

**Hymn of Praise** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **UMH 384**  
*We invite you to bring forward your offering to the plate and your missions giving to the basket.*

**Doxology** **UMH 95**

**Prayer for General Conference 2024**

**First Scripture Reading** *Psalm 139:1-14*

**Prayer Concerns**  
*Prayer request cards can be brought to the altar rail or left at the exit.*  
**The Lord's Prayer** **UMH 895**  
**Responsive Song** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

**Special Music** *Oh How He Loves You and Me.....* by Kurt Kaiser Chancel Choir

**Second Scripture Reading** *Hebrews 5:5-10*

**Sermon** *Does God Really Care?* Rev. Casey Irwin

**Hymn of Benediction** *For the Beauty of the Earth* **UMH 92**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Phil Haga, organist



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**Announcements**

**Vision and Action Meeting Round 4 is Sunday, June 19th at 1:00 PM.** Join us in the sanctuary as we prayerfully seek God's next steps for our congregation reaching our community.

We have added refreshments back to Sunday mornings! If you are able to contribute snacks or juice one week, sign-up with Sue Dietz as we establish a rotation.

Parish Council will meet on **Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.** at First UMC. If you missed the first meeting, you are still welcome to be a part of this strategy and planning team for our joint ministry as 4 churches together in the Bristol, TN Parish.

General Conference, the global gathering for the United Methodist Church, meets April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, NC. Please be in prayer for policy voting and for the health of delegates as they meet. We are praying for God to keep moving in the UMC's future.

We are hosting the entire Parish for a Pentecost Party on the Church Lawn, Sunday May 19th at 4 PM. If you can supply food items for burgers or hot dogs, sign up in the sanctuary or email Pastor Casey.

Prayer Requests

Dow Strader, Mary Tankersley, Helen Harkleroad, Tim Harkleroad, Charlotte Cox, Jack Ford, Kathy Wagner, Jim Riden, Mike Teague, Beau Lippo, Albert Colombo

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesdays and Fridays 1-3 PM

<b>Weekly Schedule</b>	Sundays	9:30 a.m.	First UMC Worship
		10:30 a.m.	Common Ground Fellowship Worship (Chapel)
		10:45 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Addilyn UMC Bible Study
	Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	First UMC Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
	Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Virginia Avenue UMC Bible Study
	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 7	6:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting #2 at First UMC
Wednesday, May 8	2-4 p.m.	Virginia Avenue Food Pantry
Sunday, May 12	9:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Worship Service
Tuesday, May 14	5:00 p.m.	United Women in Faith Meeting
Sunday, May 19	4:00 p.m.	Pentecost Party on the Lawn
Sunday, June 2	4:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Sunday June 9- Wednesday June 12		Holston Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska
Sunday, June 16	1:00 p.m.	Vision & Action Meeting
Sunday, July 21	1:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting

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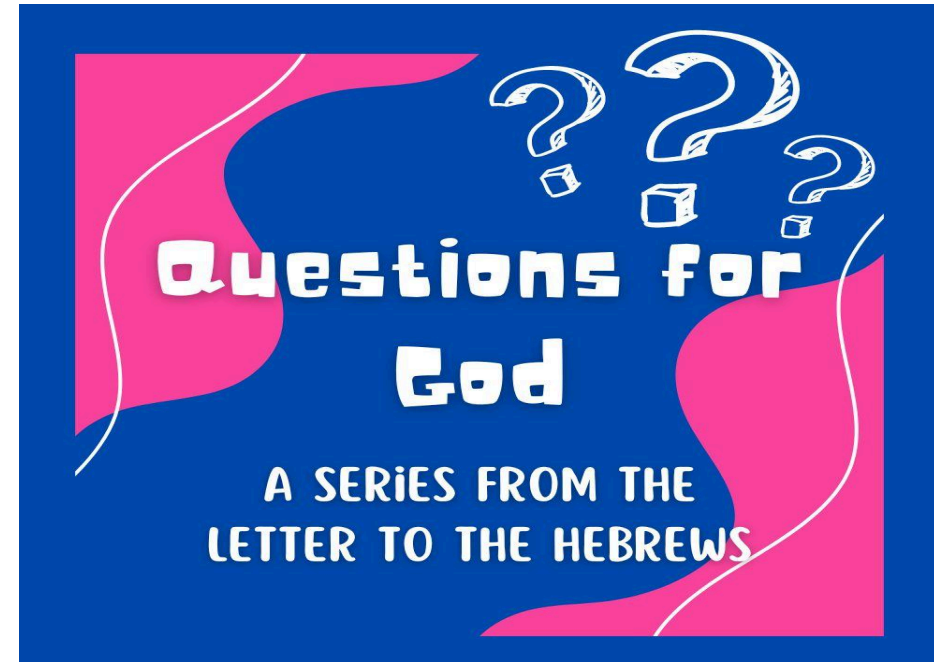
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First United Methodist Church, Bristol

Building A Community Where Anyone Can Become A Deeply Committed Christian



9:30 AM Worship

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to worship, both in-person and online!

All are invited to this time of worshipping God as a community of faith.

Refreshments are available at the Sanctuary entrance.

Children and Youth Worship Boxes are available in the West lobby.