

Sunday, July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING PRAYER-*Use this time to quiet your thoughts and center your heart for worship. As the music plays, you can close your eyes, pray, breathe, or even practice some breath prayers (Breathe in: **Come Holy Spirit**; Breathe out: **Come**; Breathe in: **Your grace**; Breathe out: **Is enough**; Breathe in: **Jesus**; Breathe out: **Let us feel your love**)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP-congregational responses in bold**

Let us sing....

Praise be to God!

Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

Praise be to God!

Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

Praise be to God!

Who continues to dance through our lives even now.

Let all that have breath sing praise to God.

***OPENING HYMN**

I Love You, Lord TFWS#2068 (insert) sing twice

OPENING PRAYER:

God of heaven and earth, we gather in Your presence with thanksgiving and praise for the way in which You have revealed Yourself to us. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, we have come to know and love You; we have witnessed Your love and mercy in action; we have caught a glimpse

of Your heart, and we have received the call to follow. Continue to reveal Yourself to us as we worship. May Your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to Your presence here, and to the word that You have for us this morning. We long to meet You here, and to know You better. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 7:13-25a NRSV

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE As the children come forward, please sing "Jesus Loves Me" First Verse only UMH#191

JOYS/CONCERNS/ PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATORY HYMN

Breathe on me, Breath of God UMH#420

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 7:13-25a The Message

SERMON

Delight in the Law

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus said, *Come to me, all you who are tired, who are worn out from carrying heavy burdens. Put down the heavy load that you are carrying, and you will find rest for your souls.* **God, we confess that we don't always understand our own actions. We clearly know what is right—what you expect of us—but we don't always do it. We also clearly know what is wrong—the thoughts and actions that hurt others and offend you—but we do these things anyway. Forgive us! Through Jesus Christ our Lord, set us free from the sin that controls us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, know this: Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry, and filled with unfailing love. When we stumble, he is there to catch us; when we are weighed down, he is there to lift us up. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven.

HOLY COMMUNION *In the United Methodist tradition, we believe in a table open to all because this is the table of Jesus Christ. All who desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus and choose to partake are welcome and received with love. Our bread is gluten-free. If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate as you come forward to receive communion. Please join in the bolded responses of the liturgy beginning on page 12 in your red pew hymnal. The responses will also be on the screen.*

DOXOLOGY/PRAYER

HYMN Lord I Want to Be a Christian UHM#402

BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until after the Postlude. Let this time center you to **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously** this week*

Sunday, June 28, 2026 Attendance-33 Tithes, Offerings, & Loose plate: \$990.00

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PORT BYRON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



United Methodist Church Mission: *The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

United Methodist Church Vision: *The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

Port Byron 1st UMC Mission: *The mission of the Port Byron First United Methodist Church is to center the congregation with God and Jesus Christ, to develop authentic relationships in a faithful community and communion of grace, and to honor God and all of Their creation.*

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