

The liturgical color is white for the 6th Sunday of Easter

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**PRELUDE** "Prelude in Classic Style" Gordon Young  
Amy Bender, organist

**WELCOME** Jan Robinson, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, draw near—not because we have it all together, but because God meets us right where we are.

**We come carrying what weighs us down— seen and unseen, spoken and unspoken.**

Yet still, we are invited closer. Closer to mercy, closer to healing, closer to grace.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul—and do not forget all God's benefits.**

God forgives, God heals, God lifts us when we cannot rise on our own.

**So we come—through crowded rooms and crowded hearts, trusting that even here, Jesus is near.**

Let us worship the One who sees, who forgives, and who makes us whole.

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451

*Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 103:1-5 NIV

**ANTHEM** "Amazing Grace" Marianne Forman  
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**THE APOSTLES CREED** UMH 881

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**MENTOR IN MINISTRY**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.*

**OFFERTORY** "Footsteps" Craig Courtney

**\*DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN OF CENTERING** "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" UMH 526

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 5:17-26 NIV

**MESSAGE** "Close Encounters: Jesus Forgives & Heals"  
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

**\*HYMN OF MISSION** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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**POSTLUDE** "Festival Postlude" Zipoli

*\*Congregation is invited to stand or remain seated*

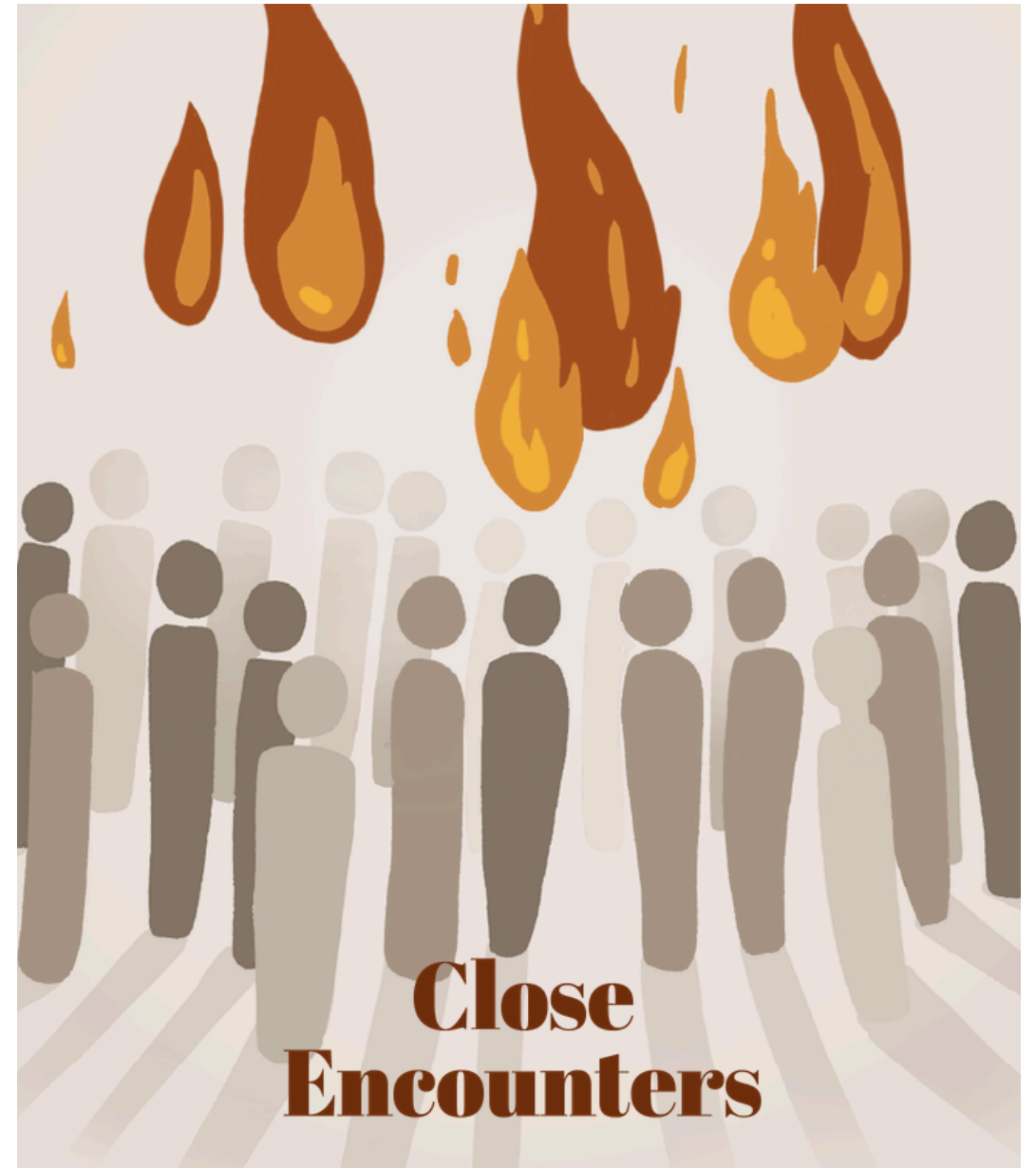
*Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT*

Altar Flowers are presented by Bob & Liz Grusendorf  
In Loving Memory of Our Mothers

*To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

# Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | May 10, 2026




**Close  
Encounters**



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Pastor Tammy Palermo, Pastor of Children & Family Ministry

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