



# Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church

April 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

## Serving In Worship Today

Ushers/Greeters: Ed & Nancy Renninger

Carrying the Light: Acolyte

A/V Coordinator: Allen Conway

Stream Team: Jim Pile, Pete Prokup, Kasey Landis,  
Bill Diggs, and Mark Cooper



## For Announcements and News

Refer to our weekly E-news, Church Website and/or Facebook page. You can subscribe to the E-news via the Connection Card or Church Website. If you do not have email access, contact the church office to be placed on our mailing list.

### Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World

### Our Vision:

Making Space for God and Others

### Our Values:

Worship † Faith † Family † Hospitality

Rev. B. Sung, Pastor  
Rev. Sue Hauptert-Johnson – Bishop  
Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates –  
Mission Rivers District Superintendent  
Betty Warren – Dir. of Music Ministries  
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### Welcome to Worship

#### Cell phone and electronic devices:

Please set to silence.

**Connection Card:** Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

#### Hard of hearing or sight:

Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

#### We love children in worship!

Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex, and there will be a Small Talk followed by Children's Church partway through our service. Our staffed nursery is available for those five and under. Ask an usher for directions.

**We record worship:** As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded, and posted to our website and social media sites.

Bold print indicates a congregational/unison reading.

**Song of Proclamation** “*This is the Day*” UMH 657

**Welcome** Shirley Hunter

**Prelude** “*As the Deer*” Martin Nystrom

**\*Hymn** “*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*” UMH 117

**\*Call to Worship**

Easter people, we have been saved by  
the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

**We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured,  
and pruned by Love.

**We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine  
makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-  
giving Vine?

**We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work,  
and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer** Rev. B. Sung

**\*Hymn** “*Near to the Heart of God*” UMH 472

**Scripture** Psalm 80:8-19 Debbie Braziel  
(Pew Bible O.T. 511-512)

1 John 5:1-8 Debbie Braziel  
(Pew Bible N.T. 227)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Small Talk** Janet & Megan Jasewicz

**Reception Into the Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church**

Janet & Megan Jasewicz; Jim, Judy, & Sara Slisik

**\*Commendation and Welcome**

Members of household of God, I commend these persons to  
your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their  
faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church by our prayers,  
our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything  
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**Anthem** “*Rescue Story*” Bradley Knight  
Julia Cooper, Soloist

**Scripture** John 15:1-8 Rev. B. Sung  
(Pew Bible N.T. 103)

**Message** “*The True Vine and the Branches*” Rev. B. Sung

**\*Hymn** “*I Need Thee Every Hour*” UMH 397

**Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, bless these gifts with love. Transform lives with  
our ministries, that Your people everywhere might know  
Your grace, abide in Your love, and connect with Christ, the  
Vine of life. Amen.

**Offertory** “*If We Ever Needed the Lord*” Spiritual

**\*Doxology** UMH 95

**\*Benediction** Rev. B. Sung

**Postlude** “*God Be With You (v.1 & chorus)*” UMH 672