



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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June 1st, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Shout to the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Open Our Eyes, Lord **#2086**

SILENT PRAYER

INTROIT: *Creation Sings*

***HYMN: Easter People, Raise Your Voices** **#304**

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome! Today is filled with excitement!

P: What's going on?

L: We are celebrating Jesus' promise before he ascended to heaven.

P: What is the promise?

L: Christ promised to send the Spirit of truth to be with us, reminding us of God's love.

P: That's good news for us at all times: God is with us! Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention to the ministries you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days, as we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Anthem: Draw the Circle Wide

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Acts 1:1-11

Luke 24:44-53

***HYMN: Christ Has Risen**

#2115

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)

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.

***HYMN: He Is Exalted**

#2070

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

2—Bailey Ouimet

5—Shawn Eddy

6--Ronald & Susan Hayner—anniv

7—Natalie Johnson

Loaves for Others

Due to decreased local food market donations, the food pantries that serve both Grafton and Pittstown are getting decreased donations of bread and other items. Our Mission is to help these pantries by providing loaves of bread each month. Our goal is to collect a loaf of bread per family each Communion Sunday and donate to both Grafton and Pittstown.

Be a blessing to others and bring your bread to church, we will distribute it. Thank you

Gracious God, we come to you with so many things on our hearts. Keep our hearts and our minds open to your words of healing and of hope. Give us spirits of courage for all the times ahead. Also, grant us a spirit of peace and joy that we might live your love through our attitudes and actions. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

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If Jesus gave directions to his disciples today, they might sound something like this: "You will be my witnesses to Center Brunswick, to Rensselaer County, to New York state, and to the ends of the earth. "One way we become Christ's witnesses is through our giving today. Some of our gifts will help people in Jesus' name locally through this congregation. Some funds will reach our state through the Upper New York Conference. Some gifts will reach far into our world in the name of Jesus through our support of UMCOR. I invite you to give generously and joyfully as you fulfill Christ's call to be his witnesses to Center Brunswick, Rensselaer County, New York state, and to all the world.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1464479>

O God, through the offering of these gifts, we become a more open people—open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.