

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILLETTE

April 26, 2026

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

ALL: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

One: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

ALL: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

One: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

ALL: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

One: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

ALL: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

Opening Prayer

O risen Christ, On the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, engender our compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word. May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our hearts to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them. Amen.

Opening Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH 224

Scripture Reading Psalm 34

Sing the Children forward: This Little Light of Mine UMH 585

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shie; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35

Message Who Was That? Rev. Cory Young

Hymn Come Christians, Join to Sing UMH 158

Prayers of the People

Reflection Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH 496 v 3

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.

Offering

Doxology: 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 up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH 133

Benediction

Postlude

Building Communities in Love



Date:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Please mark all that apply

I have been looking for and have seen God at work this week. _____

Today I spoke with someone I usually do not have a conversation with. _____

I feel welcome here _____

I am a visitor _____

I am seeking a Church home _____

I give electronically _____

I would like more information on electronic giving _____

I would like a call/visit from the Pastor _____

Hymnals are available on the back tables. "UMH" denotes the hardbound United Methodist Hymnal.

"FWS" denotes the thinner, soft covered Faith We Sing song books. "W&S" denotes the green, soft cover Worship and Song books.

We love kids at FUMC! Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary during worship.

A changing table may be found in the bathroom near the east entrance.

We joyously welcome all who have come to worship

Prayers

Carol, Chuck, Roy and Marilynn,
AnDee's dad, Margaret, Peggy's
family, Kathrine, Kathrine's dad

4/19/2026

Giving

Offering On Sunday	\$1,547.00
Needed Each Week	\$4,096.95
Difference +/-	\$(2,549.95)
Offering YTD	\$68,644.00
Budget This YTD	\$ 69,648.15
Difference +/-	\$(1,004.15)

Expenditures

Budget This YTD	\$ 69,648.15
Expenditures YTD	\$71,845.98
Difference +/-	\$(2,197.83)
Giving vs. Expenditures	\$(3,201.98)
G.A.L.	\$62.99

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Presence

Worship Services 8am and 9:15 am

Service

We strive to live out our Faith in
service to our Church, our Community,
and our World.

Witness

Show God's love to all we meet
Invite others to Church!

Gifts

04/19/2026

General.....\$2144.82

Thanks to you all for your continuing generosity. Your commitment to keep up with your giving is vital to the life of the church. If you need an offering envelope, they are located on the back tables Again, Thank You.

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Building a Christian community where
followers of Jesus advance God's
mission
for all creation by...
**reaching up to God,
reaching across to our neighbor,
and reaching out to the world.**

