

## Welcome to Pender United Methodist Church

If you are visiting with us, we are grateful that you have chosen to be our guests in worship.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to check out our weekly schedule on the front of this bulletin and our updated activities at our website: [www.penderumc.org](http://www.penderumc.org).

If our pastor or staff can help you in any way, please feel free to contact us using the information below.

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*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
May 25, 2025



### Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Praying Our Faith	9:00 a.m., Rm 218
Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m., Rm 220
Youth Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Children's Sunday School	10:15 a.m.
Impact Youth	5:00 p.m., Youth room
Juvenile Detention Outreach	1:30 p.m., 4th Sundays
Fun with Music (young children)	Mon, 10:00 a.m., Rm 202/204
Mary Martha Circle	Mon, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
Bible Study	Tues, 7:00 p.m., Library
Handbell Rehearsals	Tues, 6:45 p.m., Sanctuary
Ruth Circle	Wed, 9:30 a.m., 3rd Wednesdays
AA Meetings	Wed, 6:00 p.m., Library
Bible Study	Thurs, 10:00 a.m., Library
Choir Rehearsal	Thurs, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Lectio Divina Prayer Group	Thurs., Zoom
(https://penderumc.org/prayer/)	

\*Scan our QR code with your phone's camera for more information



\*Or see our website for special events:  
<https://penderumc.org/live/>

# Let Us Worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth!

\*Please stand, as able

Prelude Heidi Jacobs

Greeting One Another in Christ David Kinard

Gathering Chorus: "Shalom to You"

\*Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 67

In the beginning, the voice that whispered us into being still whispers, saying . . .

**Let there be light!**

In the wilderness, the voice that fed us from the heavens still feeds us, saying . . .

**Let there be light!**

In the story we share with this God of mystery and amazing love, the voice calls to us each and every morning, saying . . .

**Let there be light!**

\*Singing Our Praises: "Trading My Sorrow" Darrell Evans  
"More Love More Power" M.W. Smith

Opening Prayer:

The Church in Ministry (Announcements)

Worshiping God with our Gifts (Tithes and Offerings)

Choral Offertory: "You Do Not Walk Alone" Elaine Hagenberg

\*Praising the Triune God (Doxology) UMH #94

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

**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the sources of all our gifts!**

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

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

Good News for Children

David Kinard

*Children are welcome to attend Sunday School afterwards*

Hymn: "Shine Jesus, Shine" TFWS #2173

## Testimonies of Life

*Scripture Reading:* Acts 16: 9-15 NRSV

*Reflection #1* "The River's Edge" Gita Joyce

*Scripture Reading:* Revelation 21: 10, 22-22.5 NRSV

*Reflection #2* "The City of Light" Andrea Quiñones

*\*Good News from the Gospel:* John 14: 23-29 NRSV

*Reflection #3* "If You Loved Me" Mark Atwood

\*Hymn: "The Gift of Love" UMH #408

Pastor Testimony Pastor Bruce Johnson

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (alternate) UMH #894

Sending Song "Go Ye, Go Ye into the World" TFWS #2239

Sending Blessing

Postlude Heidi Jacobs