

**LEADING WORSHIP: Our Pastor, Gregg Gabor**

**HELPING IN WORSHIP**

Acolyte

Liturgist Kaye Schrock

Head Usher Will Cass

Ushers Cheryl Cass, Lynne Deverman, Ellis Ticknor

**OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY**

Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am 2

Sunday School – Adult 10 Children

Worship @ 10:00am 117

YouTube & Zoom 34

**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Our members:** Steve Allen, Barbara Bates, Cheryl Cass, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sue Davis, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordon, Emily Griess, Doris Hammel, Gwen Higgins, Pat Hughes, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Samson Marrine Lee, Betty Longobardi, Lizzy Merolle, Millie Milkovich, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Ray Polivka, Karla Quinlan, Robert Schmidt, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

**Friends of our church in your prayers:** Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Joshell Coleman, Jordan Fidler, Allison and Chad Hagner, Lorry Hetzer, Scott Kara, Edgar Martinez, Hilary McAllister, Rob Post, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Elaine Wintergreen, Clifford Zier. All the innocents affected by wars and conflicts around the world.

**Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers:** Michael Clear, Staff Sergeant in the Army, Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

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**Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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Mother's Day

**Words of Welcome & Life of the Church**

**Prelude:**

**Call to Worship**

*Leader: We come searching for God in many places.*

**People: Yet God is not far from any one of us.**

*Leader: We come with questions, doubts, and hopes.*

**People: Yet God meets us even before we speak.**

*Leader: Let us turn our hearts toward the One who is already near.*

**People: Let us worship God with trust and joy.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Songs of Praise:** *"Blessed Be Your Name"*  
*"Shout to the North"*

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 24:13-35

**Sermon for the Young and Young at Heart**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *"Spirit of the Living God"* UMH 393

**Sermon**

**Worship God with Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem:** *"Hymn of Grateful Praise /For the Beauty of the Earth"*

**Doxology** UMH 94

**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.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Closing Hymn:** *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"* UMH 715

**Benediction**

**Postlude:**

*\*Please stand if you are able*



**Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church.** *We are delighted to have you worship with us today!*

**We want to be your family of faith.** *We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to speak with one of the ushers or contact us at 845-452-2933 or by email at [office@pokumc.org](mailto:office@pokumc.org)*

**To Those with Little Ones:** Room 36 (upstairs in the education wing) is available as a toddler room with toys and a TV that is tuned into the worship service.

**If you would like to be on the PUMC email distribution,** please go to the church website at [www.pokumc.com](http://www.pokumc.com) and scroll down to **Join Our Mailing List** button.

## Opportunities for You This Week

### SUNDAY, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:00 am	Contemplative Prayer
8:45	Coffee with Jesus
10:00	Worship Service
	Sunday School
11:30	Fellowship
	Confirmation
	Prayers for the World
1:00 pm	Casa de Adoracion
2:00	Parkside AA

### MONDAY, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

1:00 pm	Friendship Circle
6:30	Gamblers Anonymous
7:00	Ted Talk Watch Party

### TUESDAY, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:00 am	Pastor's Bible Study
1:00 pm	Arts & Crafts Group
5:30	Primary Purpose AA
6:00	Joyful Ringers

### WEDNESDAY, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

#### Journey Deadline

7:30 am	Morning Prayers
1:00 pm	Sandy's Bible Study
2:30	Calligraphy Class
7:00	Finance
	New Hope AA

### THURSDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

5:30 pm	Primary Purpose AA
6:15	Praise Singers
7:00	Choir
	Gamblers Anonymous

### FRIDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

6:30 pm	CdA Service
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### SATURDAY, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:30 am	Gamblers Anonymous
5:00	Youth Group

### SUNDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:00 am	Contemplative Prayer
8:45	Coffee with Jesus
10:00	Worship Service
	Sunday School
11:30	Baptism Reception
	Confirmation
	Prayers for the World
1:00 pm	Casa de Adoracion
2:00	Parkside AA

**Blessed Be Your Name** CCLI Song # 3798438

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**Shout to the North** CCLI Song # 1562261

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**Spirit of the Living God (UMH 393)**

Music: Adoniram J Gordon

Lyrics: William R. Fetherstone

**Rejoice, the Lord is King (UMH 715)**

CCLI Song # 23488

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## Announcements

### The deadline for the June Journey is Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

**From the Marrines:** Help us celebrate the baptism of our two grandsons on May 17. The Marrine & Lee families will be thanking the congregation for all the prayers and well wishes while our grandson Samson was in the Westchester NicU for 98 days with a luncheon after the baptism of Samson and his brother Jayson. Please join us in Fellowship Hall after service on May 17.

**Friendship Circle:** Join us tomorrow, **May 11 @ 1pm**, when Friendship Circle will have Nyhisha Gibbs, Director of Community Engagement at Dutchess Outreach as the speaker. As always, this presentation is open to the congregation.

**Emails from PUMC:** Have you stopped receiving emails from us? Please contact the church office and Karyn can figure out what is going on.

**Dress Up!** May 24<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday. Traditionally we wear red to commemorate the birth of the Christian church. Also, on May 31<sup>st</sup> we are asking the congregation to wear yellow and/or green to show support for our amazing kids.



**Fellowship Discovery Luncheon – May 26:** Our next Fellowship Discovery Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 26 @ 12pm. We will be meeting at Quiet Cove for a picnic. Contact the office for mor information.

### **Upcoming Special Sundays**

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – A Special Baptism

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost – Wear Red!

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Children's Day – Wear Yellow and/or Green!

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Father's Day

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Sunday



Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out and return the form below by June 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to recognize a high school, college, or trade school graduate.

### Graduate Recognition Information

*(Please print clearly so we can accurately recognize the graduate)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School, College, or Trade School attended and any degrees or certificates achieved

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If High School, college and major or job planned

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If College or Trade School, future plans, employment, higher education

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Family to be mentioned (identify parents, grandparents, etc. you would like mentioned)

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### Sermon Summary “Finding a Way to Say It”

May 10, 2026

Acts 17:22–31

Many of us are comfortable with what we believe about God, but less certain about how to express that faith in a world that no longer shares the same assumptions. The language, tone, and starting points that once felt natural do not always connect in the same way today. That can leave us feeling hesitant, unsure, or even silent, not because our faith has weakened, but because we are not always sure how to say it anymore.

In Acts 17, Paul finds himself in a similar situation. Standing in Athens, surrounded by a culture rich in ideas, philosophy, and religious expression, he encounters people who are clearly searching for meaning but do not know the God he proclaims. Rather than beginning with criticism, Paul starts by observing and affirming their desire to seek. He points to an altar dedicated “to an unknown god” and uses it as a bridge, not a barrier. From there, he proclaims a central truth: God is not distant, not confined, and not hidden, but is “not far from each one of us.”

The challenge, then and now, is not that God is absent, but that we often reach for God in ways that keep God at a manageable distance. We prefer what we can control, understand, and define. Yet in Jesus Christ, God is no longer unknown. Christ reveals the fullness of God’s presence, entering into human life, suffering, and even death. Through the resurrection, God makes it clear that this presence is real, living, and active.

Because of this, we are freed from the pressure of having to say everything perfectly. Our confidence is not in our methods or words, but in Christ, who is already present and at work. Like Paul, we are invited to engage the world thoughtfully and faithfully, finding ways to speak and live the truth in ways others can hear. This week, we are encouraged to approach even one conversation with this question: What is the way this person can hear that they are loved, because Christ loves them?