

May 17th, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Words of Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude:

Call to Worship

*Leader: Friends, we come to worship today,
not because we have everything figured out,*

People: but because God meets us where we are.

Leader: In times of clarity and in times of waiting,

People: God is present.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who holds us together.

People: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

***Songs of Praise: "All Hail, King Jesus"**

TFWS 2069

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Scripture Reading: John 17:1-11

Baptism: Jayson James Lee & Samson Marrison Lee

UMH 39

***Hymn of Preparation: "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"**

UMH 312

Sermon

Worship God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem: "Sing a New Song to the Lord"

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

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: "Jesus Shall Reign"**

UMH 715

Benediction

Postlude:

**Please stand if you are able*

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***The flowers on the altar are given by The Marrison Family to the Glory of God and in joyful and thankful celebration of the baptisms of Jayson & Samson.***

**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 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

### MONDAY, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

1:00 pm Antique Study Club  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous

### TUESDAY, May 19<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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

### THURSDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

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

### FRIDAY, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

8:30 am Collate Journey  
6:30 pm CdA Service

### SATURDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

8:30 am Gamblers Anonymous  
5:00 Youth Group

### SUNDAY, May 24<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

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**Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise (UMH 312)**  
Music: David Evans  
Lyrics: Charles Wesley

**Jesus Shall Reign (UMH 157)**  
Music: John Hattan  
Lyrics: Isaac Watts

**1 Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual2025** Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

## Announcements

Please note that Vacation Bible School has been canceled for 2026.

**From the Marrines: Help us celebrate the baptism of our two grandsons after church today!** 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 today.

**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 more information.



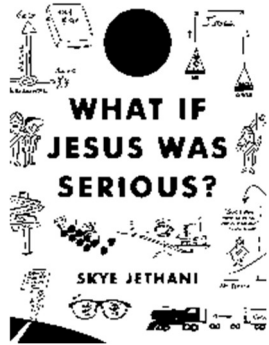
**Movie With Meaning:** The June movie will be **Cabrini**, and is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. All in the community are invited. You are encouraged to stay after the showing for discussion of the film. As usual, refreshment will be available.

*This American biographical drama film depicts the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. Cabrini explores the sexism and anti-Italian bigotry faced by Cabrini and others in New York City in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

### **Upcoming Special Sundays**

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

This summer, we will be offering a relaxed and flexible study based on:



### What If Jesus Was Serious?:

*A Visual Guide to the Teachings of Jesus We Love to Ignore*  
by Skye Jethani.

Running from June 2 through September 29, this study is designed to fit the changing rhythms of summer travel, vacations, and ministry schedules. Rather than a strict week-to-week progression, we will gather “catch as catch can,” using this book as our common thread whenever there is a break between other studies or activities. Known dates when we will not be meeting include June 9, August 17, and September 8, though additional schedule adjustments may arise during the summer months.

Jethani’s book combines humor, insight, illustrations, and thoughtful reflection to explore some of Jesus’ most challenging teachings — especially the ones modern Christians often overlook, soften, or explain away. Because readings will be shared aloud during class, purchasing the book is completely optional, though many may still enjoy having a personal copy for reflection between sessions. Whether you attend every gathering or simply drop in when your schedule allows, each session will stand on its own while helping us think more deeply about what it truly means to follow Jesus seriously in everyday life.

**A Note From Karyn: If you would like me to order a copy of the book please let me know. The cost is \$12.00.**



### **Sermon Summary** **“When Faith Feels Like Waiting”**

*May 17, 2026*

John 17:1–11

Many of us assume that faith should make life clearer and more manageable. We expect that trusting God will lead to visible progress, resolved situations, or at least a sense that things are moving forward. But often, our experience is quite different. We find ourselves in seasons of waiting, where answers are unclear, and life feels unfinished.

In John 17, Jesus prays at just such a moment. He is about to leave his disciples. The future is uncertain, and nothing is fully resolved. Yet instead of giving them a plan or a strategy, Jesus points them to something deeper. “This is eternal life,” he says, “that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” In other words, life with God is not something we achieve. It is a relationship we are given.

We tend to measure our faith by what we accomplish, how much we grow, or how well we manage our circumstances. But Jesus reframes everything. God’s glory is not revealed through achievement, but through relationship. Even Jesus’ own life reflects this. He glorifies God not by doing more, but by remaining in a faithful relationship with God, even in the face of the cross. What looks like failure becomes, in John’s Gospel, the fullest expression of God’s glory.

This means that the “in-between” places of life are not wasted time. They are places of formation. When we cannot control outcomes, when we do not have clear answers, we are invited to trust more deeply in God’s presence. We are reminded that we belong to God before we do anything for God.

The invitation of this passage is simple but profound. Instead of trying to fix or resolve every situation, we are called to be present with God in the midst of it. Faith is not about getting everything right. It is about trusting the One who holds us, even when life feels unfinished.



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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### Miracle Sunday!

It is easy, from where we sit in New England and New York, to feel disconnected from the realities of ministry in sub-Saharan Africa or the rural Philippines. But data from The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church tell a story that demands the attention of all United Methodists in our global church. According to data:

- In the United States, **71% of United Methodist clergy hold a master's degree in theology, outside of the U.S., fewer than 5% do.**

That gap is not merely an academic inconvenience. It represents communities where the church is growing rapidly but the people called to lead those communities have no sustainable access to formation.

- **Over 20 theological schools in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines receive little or no endowment.** The barriers are real: distance, language, cost, faculty shortages, library resources.

The Endowment for Theological Education was established in 2014 by the Council of Bishops precisely to address these educational issues. **Miracle Sunday is the endowment's broadest effort to date;** a one-time, worldwide offering to move this work from aspiration to permanence.

**When local churches in the New Hope Episcopal Area give on May 17, we will do more than write a check for a program overseas.** We are investing in the formation of pastors who will shape the Christian witness of entire regions for decades. There is an argument to be made that this is among the highest-leverage acts of generosity the global United Methodist church has ever undertaken together.

On Miracle Sunday, congregations everywhere will receive a special one-time offering to endow theological scholarships for clergy candidates in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. The goal is 500 scholarships endowed in perpetuity. That is a large and faithful ask, which is precisely why it needs a miracle.