

Boulevard United Methodist Church on Broad



The Gospel does not exist for the sake of preserving tradition, even good and valid tradition. Rather, it exists for the sake of calling people into relationship with God.

- Dennis Bratcher

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On the Cover: Peter's vision at Joppa, bronze sculpture by C. Malcolm Power.

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5th Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad

Greeting

Rev. Drew Willson

Opening Words

It is good.

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To be in a house of the Lord.

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One more time.

One more time.

Hymn

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Time with Children

Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Hymn

Spirit Open My Heart

Scripture

John 13:31-35

Music

Scripture

Acts 11:1-18

Sermon

Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn

For All the Saints

Offering Tithes & Gifts

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 uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord's Supper

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Dismissal with Blessing

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Jim and his family, those grieving the loss of Chris Gregory, the Anderson family, the Kirkland family, the United Methodist Church, Grayson Foy, Nancy Tate, and Bishop Sharma Lewis. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 years of age begins after the children's moment. They rejoin us for Communion. Our childcare provider is employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.

PREPARING CRAFTS for our children is one way to support our intergenerational fellowship. Speak with Katie Gooch to learn more, at which point you might choose to claim to Sunday in the near future.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}



MAY IS FOR SAFE HARBOR. Safe Harbor empowers survivors of sexual and domestic violence to transform their lives, and promotes healthy relationships for all. For this monthly mission focus, we will collect **underwear and socks for boys/men, ages 1-adult**. This is a wish-list item, for Safe Harbor's shelter.

We will also gather up **grocery bags** – paper bags, plastic bags, reusable bags for the community clients to carry groceries/supplies from the pantry.

Finally, we are collecting financial contributions by way of designated cash or checks made out to Boulevard UMC and memo-lined "Safe Harbor". Online givers: Select the "mission" option. Money may not be able to buy us love but it can express love.