



Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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### E-News

Email cindy@good.org to receive the weekly e-news.

### Prayer Chain

Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.

### Find us on:



### Thank you...

**Usher:** Janet VanBenthuyssen  
**AV Tech:** Noemi Dooley  
**Liturgist:** Peter Grinager  
**Special Music:** Chancel Choir  
**Communion Servers:** Linda Hammersten, Pat Olson, Pastor Max Richter, Sue Shaw  
**Nursery:** Shelley Scharping  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Dave Knutson, JoAnn Knutson

**WORSHIP**  
**10:00 AM**

May 3, 2026  
 Easter 5

### Our Vision

Inspiring  
 Joyful Faith

Building a  
 Loving  
 Community

Serving  
 Neighbors  
 Near and Far

Today's  
 Scripture

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
 John 14:1-14



*Who we are. What we do.*



**Good Samaritan United Methodist Church**  
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## WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries! Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.



Please join us for refreshments in Aldersgate Hall after worship.

\*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE "His Eye is on the Sparrow" ARR. PHILLIP KEVEREN

GREETING & WELCOME

\*HYMN "Morning Has Broken" UMH 145

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God!

Take refuge in the Lord,

**All: who listens when we cry out,**

**who rescues us when we call,**

**and who leads and guides us according to**

**God's unfailing love.**

You are our God;

**our lives are in your hands.**

**Let's worship God together!**

HYMN "Alleluia" FWS 2043  
*sing 2x*

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell  
*After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" JOHN RUTTER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; John 14:1-14 (NRSVUE)  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "A Place for You" Rev. Max Richter

\*HYMN "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" FWS 2146

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

One: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

**All: But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us.**

**Before God and God's people, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision.**

**Before God and one another,**

**we confess our reluctance**

**to receive our calling as God's people,**

**made by God and chosen as witnesses**

**to God's dream of justice and joy.**

**Remind us, God,**

**that you have made us for your service**

**and recharge us with your Word.**

**Renew us, God.**

**Grant us courage to live out your Ways of peace and grace.**

**We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.**

One: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours.

That promise comes true now.

Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus,

we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving – Musical Setting B

UMH pp.18-20

The Lord's Prayer

**Our God\*, 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.**

*(\*Mother, Father, Creator, etc. - use the word that is most meaningful for you.)*

## Receiving the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**  
The cup of the New Covenant, poured for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**

Music During Distribution      "Hold On"      HEIDI ANN WILSON

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

\*HYMN      "I'll Fly Away"      FWS 2282

## \*BLESSING

One: If the God who raised Jesus from the dead is for us, who dare be against us?

**All: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.**

Step out into the world in humble confidence:

there is no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you, preparing a place and an opportunity for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

**And the blessing of God all-loving,  
the Creator, Redeemer and Counselor,  
will be with us now and always. Amen!**

\*POSTLUDE      "Magnificat on the 8th Tone"      JOHANN PACHELEBEL

**Call to Worship:** <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Easter%205%20Year%20A>

**Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance:** posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways Archive. <http://www.ucc.org/>. Retrieved from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Easter%205%20Year%20A>.

**Blessing:** written by Bruce Prewer and posted on his homepage, [bruceprewer.com](http://bruceprewer.com). Retrieved from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Easter%205%20Year%20A>

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## Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to ... connect, grow, worship ...



### Cookies!

Join us in Aldersgate Hall during our fellowship time following worship today to enjoy fresh-baked cookies.

### Tuesday Bible Study Spring Luncheon

Tuesday Bible Study invites you to the annual Spring Luncheon **this Tuesday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room.** Please come to this informal gathering to catch up with friends, make new ones, and visit with staff who can be there. There is no cost. Please RSVP to Lynn Timmer ([timmerlynn@gmail.com](mailto:timmerlynn@gmail.com)).



### Feed My Starving Children

Join the group at Feed My Starving Children for meal packing at the Chanhassen location **this Friday, May 8, 7:15-8:45 p.m. and/or Wednesday, May 13, 9:30-11:15 a.m.** Contact Jane Heimerl at [jane.heimerl@yahoo.com](mailto:jane.heimerl@yahoo.com) to sign up.

### Sunday School Helpers

We need helpers for May! Sunday School follows Children's Time in Sunday morning worship. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/GSSunSchool](https://tinyurl.com/GSSunSchool). Contact Jan with questions - [jan@good.org](mailto:jan@good.org).



**Wesley/Neon Celebration Dinner  
at Good Samaritan**

**This Thursday, May 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
with Homeward Bound**  
Please RSVP by TODAY!  
at [neontogogether.org/rsvp](https://neontogogether.org/rsvp).



Neon, the Methodist Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota, invites you to their annual Wesley Celebration, hosted by Good Samaritan. The annual dinner is to celebrate stories, students, and supporters who make Neon possible, and spread the good news about the ministry.

A milestone has just been reached of 1,000 students who have come to Neon events this past school year! The student group has grown from only a half dozen during COVID to 50-60 at weekly meetings and up to 100 at monthly events.

Enjoy a dinner catered by Soul Bowl with vegetarian and gluten-free options available. We'll enjoy live music from Good Samaritan's own Homeward Bound band and hear heartwarming stories from students and their experience with Neon. Life can be busy, but we promise you will leave with more hope and a bigger heart for the next generation.

**To learn more about this ministry**, the people behind it, or how you can become involved:

- Come to the dinner on May 7, 6-8 pm at Good Samaritan UMC (RSVP at [neontogogether.org/RSVP](https://neontogogether.org/RSVP))
- Visit their website, [neontogogether.org](https://neontogogether.org), or
- Contact Good Samaritan members involved with Neon:
  - \* Kent Holmes (Wesley Board Member, & Finance Committee Chair) at [kent.l.holmes@gmail.com](mailto:kent.l.holmes@gmail.com)
  - \* Linda Hammersten (Program Events Assistant) at [lindahammersten@msn.com](mailto:lindahammersten@msn.com)
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  - \* Dave Knutson (former Board Member) at [dhknutson73@gmail.com](mailto:dhknutson73@gmail.com)
- Become a member of the Board of Directors. We are currently looking for new members. There is a minimal amount of commitment needed. Contact Kent Holmes (see above) to learn more.



*Sunday, May 17*  
*During 10:00 a.m. Worship*

Come together, right now...for Big Music Sunday!

Join us for Big Music Sunday, a joyful celebration of unity, togetherness, and the power of music in our shared life of faith. This special annual service will feature all of our musical ensembles - Faith Alive, Jubilee!, Chancel Chimes, Chancel Choir, and Homeward Bound—coming together in one uplifting experience.

As we continue to grow as one united community, these ensembles beautifully reflect the gifts, traditions, and spirit each congregation brings. Big Music Sunday is more than a musical event; it is a meaningful expression of who we are together.

Looking to get involved? Contact [Carey@good.org](mailto:Carey@good.org) to learn more about joining an ensemble or supporting the music ministry financially or in other ways.