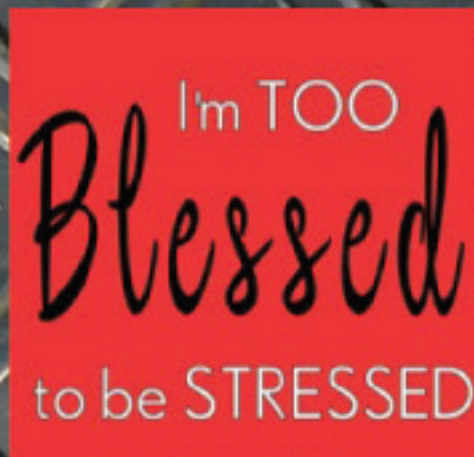


# Bumper Sticker Theology Deep Meaning or Empty Cliches?

Tithe If You Love Jesus – Honking Is Too Easy!

May 4, 2025



# Welcome

## CONNECTION

CARD



### Ways to Connect

#### Online:

Visit [tlumc.org](http://tlumc.org) and click **I'M NEW**

#### In Person:

Connection Cards are located in the pocket on the back of the Sanctuary chairs and at the Welcome Desk in the Great Room.

### Questions & Help:

Contact Cary Diaz ([tlumc@tlumc.org](mailto:tlumc@tlumc.org))

**Nursery is available for both worship services.** It is located by the second hallway, directly across from the kitchen. Nursery care is provided for children 3 weeks through 4 years of age. Please stop in, meet the nursery staff and pick up a pamphlet.

**Sunday School Classes are available at 9:30AM September through May for all ages.**

The children's classes (Kindergarten through 6th grade) are located in the Faith Forest down the first hallway to the right as you enter the building. Adult classes are available on the upper level in the double classrooms. Youth classes are available (7th through 12th grade) on the lower level.

**Holy Communion at Tri-Lakes UMC:** We offer Holy Communion weekly at each service, believing as Methodists that it is a "means of grace" for all who receive. If you have questions about our theology or practice of Holy Communion, do not hesitate to ask the Pastor before or after the service.

### Communion Instructions:

- Please proceed to the altar rails when you are led to do so. Simply fill in any open space at the rail.
- You may choose to kneel at the rail or remain standing. Hold out your open hands to receive the communion bread. Gluten-free bread is available, simply tell the server. Another server will then place the communion cup on the altar rail. You may partake of the elements as they are served.
- Feel free to remain at the altar for a brief time of prayer after you have communed, keeping in mind that others will be coming behind you.
- There are baskets provided at the altar rails for you to dispose of your used communion cup.
- If you desire to have communion served to you in your seat for any reason, please raise your hand and let the servers know.



# Order of Worship

Order of Worship  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
May 4th 2025

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

On Screen

\*Song Set

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Jim Ward

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 50:7-11

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 9:23-25

Sermon

Bumper Sticker Theology: Tithe If You Love Jesus – Honking Is Too Easy!

Pastor Jim Ward

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed – Ecumenical Version

882 UMH

Prayers of the People

Lifting Up Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Merciful God, help us to turn away from things that do not lead to life – from attitudes and actions that get in the way of our relationship with You. Forgive us for focusing on things that distract us from hearing Your voice and doing Your will. Open our eyes and ears to Your presence and Your call. Give us courage to take up our cross and follow where You lead, even if the path is uncertain or leads in unexpected directions. For You alone are God, and we are Your people. Take our lives, and use us to Your glory. Amen.

*Silent Confession of Personal Sin*

Words of Assurance

It is not money that holds us back, but how we use it. It is not power that distracts from God, but our unwillingness to humble ourselves. It is not our efforts, but Christ's grace which transforms us into God's children. In the mercy and grace of Christ, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transformed and made new. We are forgiven, we are restored. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Reflections on Giving/ Offering Prayer

Offertory Response

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

On Screen

\*\*Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

15 UMH

\*Closing Song

Dismissal

Pastor Jim Ward

\*Please stand if you are able

\*\*Communion Instructions may be found on the Welcome Page

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal located under chairs

TFWS- The Faith We Sing Hymnal located under chairs

# Order of Worship

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11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
May 4th, 2025

Prelude

Susan Fraser

Welcome

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We come this day, seeking to follow Jesus;

**People: Who calls us to take up our crosses if we are to follow.**

Leader: We come this day, longing to hear God's word;

**People: A lamp for our feet and a light for our path.**

Leader: We come this day seeking a new way, a different journey;

**People: And we hear our Risen Savior summoning us to new life.**

Leader: Come – let us worship God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Opening Song**

Christ Is Alive

318 UMH

**\*Opening Prayer**

Loving God, You call us to turn away from ourselves, to take up our crosses, and to follow after You. You teach us to find our lives by giving them up to Your greater purpose. So, we come before You this morning with open hearts and open hands, eager to hear Your Word, and eager to know Your will. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit move within us and among us as we worship. Open our eyes to Your presence; open our ears to Your call; open our hearts to one another. And then send us out into the world, to live and work as Christ's faithful disciples. In his name we pray, Amen.

Choir Anthem

TLUMC Choir

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 50:7-11

**\*Gospel Reading**

Luke 9:23-25

**Sermon Bumper Sticker Theology: Tithe If You Love Jesus – Honking Is Too Easy!**

Pastor Jim Ward

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**Prayers of the People**

**Lifting Up Our Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**Sung Call to Prayer**    The Fragrance of Christ (Refrain)    2205 TFWS

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to the Table**

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**Presenting our Tithes and Offerings**

**Reflections on Giving**

**Offering Prayer**

**Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology**    Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow    Susan Fraser

95 UMH

**\*\*Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**    15 UMH

**\*Closing Hymn**    Jesus Calls Us    398 UMH

**Sending Forth**    Pastor Jim Ward

**Postlude**    Susan Fraser

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# Sermon Notes

## Daily Lectionary Readings

### **Monday, May 5, 2025**

Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31

### **Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18

### **Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18

### **Thursday, May 8, 2025**

Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10

### **Friday, May 9, 2025**

Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4

### **Saturday, May 10, 2025**

Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32

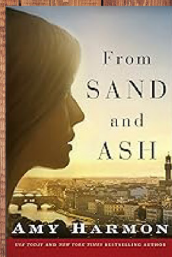
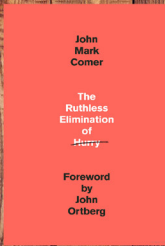
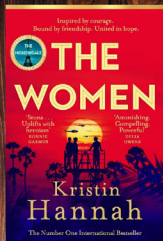
### **Readings for Next Sunday May 11, 2025**

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30





## Women's Book Club

Please join us every first Tuesday  
at 7pm lower level fireside room

**May 6**  
**Summer of Yes**  
by Courtney Walsh

**June 3**  
**The Women**  
by Kristin Hannah

**July 8**  
**The Ruthless  
Elimination of  
Hurry**  
by John Mark Comer

**August 5**  
**From Sand and  
Ash**  
by Amy Harmon

In case of extreme weather the date will  
shift to the following week. Send Sarah  
Frazier your phone number and email to  
be added to the communication list.  
Attend anytime!



## Questions:

Contact Sarah Frazier (Srfrazier618@gmail.com)

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### TLUMC Men's Group

**Tuesday, May 6th at 7:00 PM**  
**La Casa Fiesta, 230 Front St.**  
**in Downtown Monument**

Join us for apps/dinner/drinks and  
a special program presented by  
Troy Calhoun, US Air Force Academy  
Head Football Coach and TLUMC  
Member.

Coach Calhoun will talk some about the  
USAFA Football program, as well as the  
challenges all college coaches, in all  
sports, are facing in today's world.

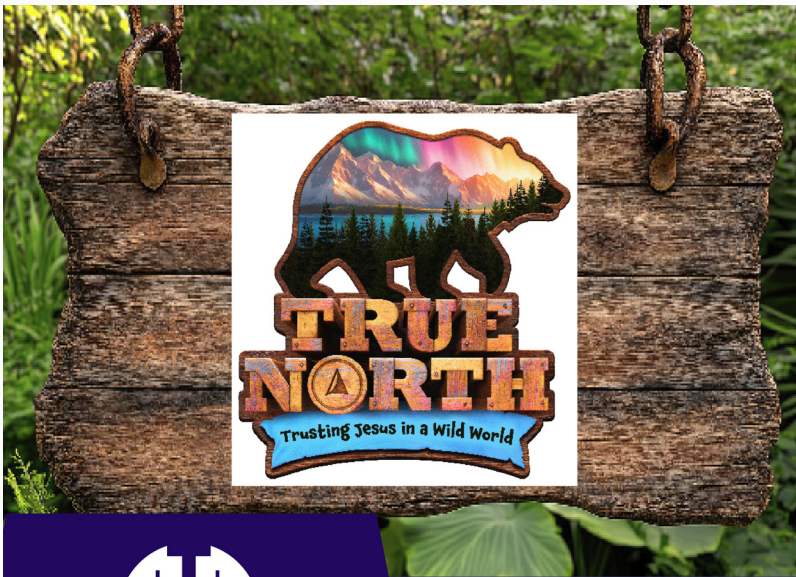
You're also welcome to join us at  
6:15 for dinner if you wish!



## Questions:

Roy Bridges (rbridges8@icloud.com)  
Chad Stickrath (cstickrath@gmail.com)





## TRUE NORTH VBS Registration Now Open!

Monday July 14  
through  
Friday July 18  
9:00AM - 12:00PM  
Children entering Pre-K  
through 6th grade

Registration link:  
[vbspro.events/p/096bdc](https://vbspro.events/p/096bdc)



Questions?

Contact Nancy Fritzsche ([nancy@tlumc.org](mailto:nancy@tlumc.org))



## Food Collection for Tri-Lakes Cares

Help reach out to our neighbors with the love of Christ by providing food for our neighbors! bring your staple and canned food donations weekly, and drop them off in the wagon located in the Great Room.

This month

they are especially requesting:

Canned Peas Canned Mixed Veggies  
Canned Corn Oats Oatmeal  
Canned Chicken Canned Tuna  
Pinto Beans Refried Beans  
Flour  
and Sundry Items

(such as cleaners, paper products, and toiletries)

## Questions:

Contact: Pastor Jim ([pastorjim@tlumc.org](mailto:pastorjim@tlumc.org))





## WE ARE HIRING

### Now Hiring Nursery Staff

Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church is seeking nursery staff to care for the youngest members of our church family.

For full details, please review the job description at <http://tlumc.org/jobs>


To apply, send your resume and a letter/statement of intent to [sprc@tlumc.org](mailto:sprc@tlumc.org).

Applications will be accepted until at least April 2, 2025, or until the position is filled.



#### Questions?

Contact Paula Homberger ([pauladine@hotmail.com](mailto:pauladine@hotmail.com))



### Nursery Volunteers Needed!

In addition to hiring nursery personnel, we will be supplementing with nursery volunteers.

If you are willing to work one Sunday/month in the nursery, at either the 9:30 or 11:00 services please sign up in the Great Room or contact [nancy@tlumc.org](mailto:nancy@tlumc.org).

All volunteers will need to be background checked.



#### Questions?

Contact Nancy Fritzsche([nancy@tlumc.org](mailto:nancy@tlumc.org))



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### Tri-Lakes UMC Mid-Week News

Each week we send out an email newsletter called the Mid-Week News. This is the place to find out about news and upcoming events.


Scan the QR code to join our subscriber list, or visit [tlumc.org/email](http://tlumc.org/email)



#### Questions?

Contact Cary Diaz ([tlumc@tlumc.org](mailto:tlumc@tlumc.org))





### ROOTS


TLUMC Group for 4th, 5th & 6th Graders  
End of Year Party  
Bring a Friend!

**Today!**

4:00PM to 6:00PM  
Leslee Bray's Home  
4482 High Forest Rd.  
Colorado Springs  
Gate Code#5273

#### For more information:

Contact Nancy ([nancy@tlumc.org](mailto:nancy@tlumc.org))



## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

### Early Bird Adult Bible Study

#### The Gospel According to John


Join us for the 8:00 a.m. EarlyBird Bible Study as we undertake an in-depth look at the Gospel of John.

Lively discussion and a deep dive into the Gospel with a unique point of view!

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Upper Level Asbury Hall Room 103  
(Second Hallway last room on the left)

**8:00am - 9:00am**



#### Questions:

Contact Pastor Jim ([pastorjim@tlumc.org](mailto:pastorjim@tlumc.org))

# GIVING

TITHES &  
OFFERINGS



## Ways to Give

### Online:

1. Use the Tri-Lakes UMC app
2. Or visit **tlumc.org** and click **GIVE ONLINE**

### In Person:

Place your offering in the baskets during Tithes and Offerings or in the offering box located in the Sanctuary next to the center doors.

### Mail:

20256 Hunting Downs Way  
Monument, CO 80132

### Questions & Help:

Giving can also be handled directly through your bank  
Contact Christy Kayser-Cook ([finsec@tlumc.org](mailto:finsec@tlumc.org)) for help



## Mark Your Calendar

Sunday (5/4)

8:00AM Early Bird Bible Study  
9:30AM Sunday School  
9:30AM Contemporary Service  
11:00AM Traditional Service  
12:15PM All-Staff Meeting  
4:00PM Roots  
4:00PM Youth Group

Monday (5/5)

9:30AM GriefShare

Tuesday (5/6)

1:00PM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Women's Book Club  
7:00PM Men's Fellowship  
7:00PM Brass Quintet Practice

Thursday (5/8)

6:00PM Handbells Practice  
7:00PM Choir Practice

Sunday (5/11)

8:00AM Early Bird Bible Study  
9:30AM Sunday School  
9:30AM Contemporary Service  
11:00AM Traditional Service  
4:00PM Youth Group

## In Service Today

Flowers  
TLUMC  
Art Committee

9:30 AM Service  
Becky Moulden

11:00AM Service  
Charlie Lucy

Fellowship  
Frazier  
Homerger

If you would like to serve during our worship services  
please contact Cary at [tlumc@tlumc.org](mailto:tlumc@tlumc.org)

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**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday - Thursday 1:00pm to 4:00pm**  
or by appointment (Contact Cary at [tlumc@tlumc.org](mailto:tlumc@tlumc.org))

**Guest Wi-Fi Password: TLUMCGuest**

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# TRI-LAKES

United Methodist Church



## MISSION

Building followers of  
Jesus Christ who love  
and serve God  
and neighbor



## VISION

Theologically Traditional  
Personally Transformational  
and Outwardly Missional



## STRATEGY

Loving God and neighbor through acts of  
Worship, Devotion, Service and Compassion

