

Masonville-Rancocas UMC

200 Masonville Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May 2026 - 9:30AM

*****Please Stand If Able**

Please take this time to prepare your prayer requests. Prayer slips can be found in the pews.

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

*****Call to Worship:**

Lay Reader: Greg Scott

L: Easter people, in this season of Eastertide, we remember the blessings God gives us—the blessings of Resurrection, salvation, and new life in Christ.

P: We come to praise God for the blessings of Easter!

L: We recall the blessings of creation—of clean air and water, of food and shelter, of beauty and awe.

P: We come to praise God for the blessings of creation!

L: We share in the blessings of community—of family and friends, of church and home, of help that is given and received.

P: We come to praise God for the blessings of community!

L: Easter people, we gather today to remember Christ's Ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven while blessing his disciples, marking not the end but the next chapter of God's salvific work among us.

P: We come to bless God with our praise as God continues to bless us with all that we need to live as God's Resurrection people.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*****Song of Praise:**

Shout to the Lord

TFWS#2074

*****Opening Prayer in Unison:**

While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice. We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

*****Opening Hymn:** Crown Him with Many Crowns UMH #327

Pass the Peace

Prayer request slips will be collected during the singing of the prayer chorus.

Prayer Chorus: His Name Is Wonderful UMH# 174

Pastoral Prayer:

Lord's Prayer:

Wiggle Time/Noisy Coins

Holly Staate

Tithes and Offerings

*****Doxology**

UMH #95

*****Offertory Prayer in Unison:**

Blessing God of Presence, even as Christ ascended, you did not leave us alone. While he was blessing them, you were preparing us to carry the story forward, to be your witnesses, to live in hope and power. In this sacred act of giving, we return a portion of what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be a blessing to others, as Christ has been to us. Clothe us with courage. Remind us that your Spirit goes with us. And send us, renewed and ready, to be your church in the world. Amen.

*****Scripture:**

Luke 24:44-53

Message: "Open Your Mind to the Scriptures" Rev. Raj Mutnal

*****Closing Hymn:** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less UMH #368

Closing Prayer and Benediction:

*****Sending Forth:**

Go In Love

Postlude

Lectionary for the week: Daniel 7:9-14; Psalm 24:7-10;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May Birthdays: 7 JoAnn Paige; 11 Sophia Conover; 13 Bob Baker;
14 Judy Rehn; 24 Monica Harrod; 30 Mike Gerety

Last week's offering received \$660.00 In person attendance last week: 34

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transforming lives for the Glory of God."*

****Forming a "New Members" Class**
If interested, call Pastor Raj at 201-920-3405

Dates To Remember:

May 19 – Church Council Meeting 6:30PM

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

May 29 – Covered Dish Dinner 5:00PM

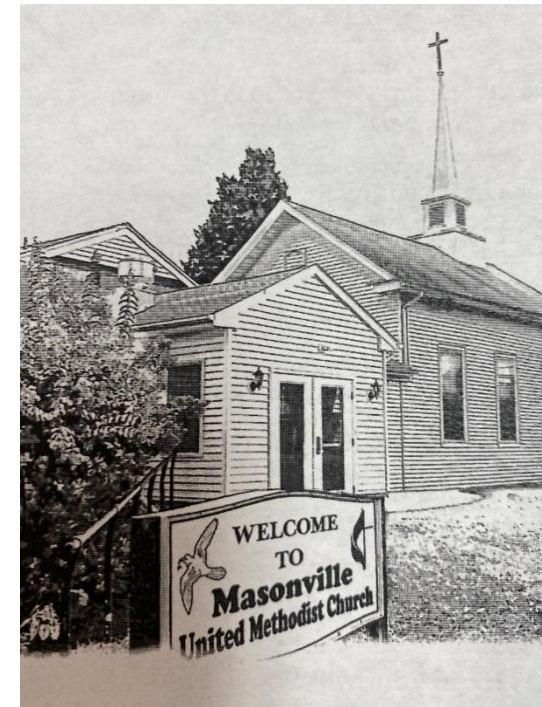
May 31 - Trinity Sunday / Peace with Justice Sunday

June 20 – Farewell Dinner for Pastor Raj 4:00-6:00PM

June 21 – Father's Day

Men's Breakfast Meeting 7:30AM

June 27 – Church & Community Picnic Noon-4:00PM



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