

LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship
	10:30 am	Youth Sunday School
	11:30 am	Sundae Sunday downstairs
	11:30 am	Ministry Team Meeting
	4:00 pm	Inquirer's Class
Tuesday, May 19th	4:00 pm	Bible Study @ Kathy Hanson's
	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Wednesday, May 20th	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns)
	12:00 pm	Soup Group
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, May 21st	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Sunday, May 24th	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship
	11:45 am	Luke/Acts Study Group

Inquirer's Class begins today @ 4:00 pm It will be led by Pastor Paul & looks at faith, the Methodist tradition, & what it means to follow Jesus. This class is for all, but especially those desiring to become members of our church.

Luke/Acts Study Group begins next Sunday, May 24th @ 11:45. The group will meet 4 times, May 24 & 31, & June 21 & 28. Discussion centers around the workbooks we used during Lent. Come even if you haven't completed the workbook!

Help to celebrate **Pentecost** next Sunday by bringing a **red geranium** to be planted outside as a sign of the Holy Spirit alive in our church..

Personal Dignity Kits are being assembled by the Missions Committee to be sent to the Annual Conference's Ingathering. See more information in the Narthex.

Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Zoe, Ryleigh, Pat M, Jolene G, Ardith O., Hester N., Janice P., Chris D., Jim H, Erma E, Shirley B, all those suffering from personal stress, pain and/or illness.

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Viroqua United Methodist Church

May 17, 2026



Our Prayer

God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.

Viroqua UMC
221 S. Center Ave.
Viroqua, WI 54665



May 17, 2026

Ascension Day

Viroqua UMC Worship Service

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

**Please stand if you are able

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE" Hal Hopson

RINGING OF THE BELL (remain seated)

WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALLED TO WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Death could not hold him. The grave could not keep him. And now, the risen Christ reigns over all things.

P: We worship the Lord who is alive — yesterday, today, and forever.

L: Before he ascended, Jesus promised: "You will receive the Holy Spirit, and you will be my witnesses."

P: We are here because that promise is still for us. We are his witnesses.

L: He has gone to prepare a place, and he will come again. Until that day, we are sent into the world.

P: We worship, we are filled, and we are sent. Come, Lord Jesus.

**APOSTLES' CREED UMH No. 881

**HYMN OF PRAISE "JESUS SHALL REIGN" UMH No. 157

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord Jesus, You ascended in glory, but you did not leave us alone. You sent your Spirit, and you gave us a mission. Today we gather not just to remember what happened — but to be reminded of who we are: your witnesses, empowered by your Spirit, waiting for your return. Meet us here, Lord. As we open your Word, open our hearts to you. In your name we pray. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

**SCRIPTURE READING ACTS 1: 1-11 PEW BIBLE NO. 1317

L. This is the word of God for the people of God

P. Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM "REVIVE US AGAIN" William P. Mackay & John D. Husband

MESSAGE JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

**HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD" UMH No. 328

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING/DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

**OFFERING PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN "ALL HAIL, KING JESUS" (sing twice) TFWS No. 2069

SENT TO SERVE

**BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE "TO GOD BE THE GLORY" (refrain) UMH No. 98

**RINGING OF THE BELL

**POSTLUDE "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" George J. Elvey

The radio broadcast this morning is given in celebration of Wade Carney's birthday on May 18th.

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously

If this is your first time to worship here at Viroqua UMC, WELCOME! Be sure to get one of our red welcome bags as you leave!