



# Hibben United Methodist Church

May 3, 2026



*Gates of Perfection*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2026**

**Prelude**

**Jesús Toro**

**Gathering and Welcome**

**Rev. Sara White**

*You are encouraged to sign the Pew Register, then pass it to all in your row. As it goes back to where it started, you will have the opportunity to make note of those seated with you. If you are visiting, we would like to send you a card, text or email. It would be a pleasure to know you!*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Rev. Sara**

He is Risen.

**He is Risen Indeed.**

He is in our midst forming us to be God's own people.

**Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.**

We need not fear.

**In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.**

Come to the Lord who will surround you with

God's own righteousness.

**Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may  
faithfully follow you. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

**UMH 117**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**UMH 880**

*The Nicene Creed*

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Rev. Katie Brock Lesh**

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

**Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Rev. Katie**

**Children's Moment**

**Amanda Moore**

**Call to Tithes and Offerings**

**Johnny McAllister**

**Offertory**

**H. Sorenson**

*Hiding in the Shadow of God (Send the Rain)*

*Aimie Morris and Jesús Toro*

**\*Festival Doxology**

**UMH 94**

**\*Hymn**

**UMH 534**

*Be Still, My Soul*

vs. 1-3

**\*Gospel Reading**

**Rev. Katie**

John 14: 1-14

**Sermon**

**Rev. Sara**

*Fortress Gate*

**Anthem**

**arr. J. Rouse**

*Goodness of God*

Chancel Choir

## The Communion

### **The Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another:

**Lord of abiding Love and infinite Patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress, difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we have missed opportunities to recognize you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we ask for forgiveness. We ask that you might turn our lives around, might help us see the many ways that you bless and care for us and might help us to be the people who will reach out to others in loving compassion...**

Even when we are a stubborn people, still God absolutely loves and forgives us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy... place who forever sing to your glory. **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty... We offer our very selves to him to be living and holy sacrifices and we dedicate ourselves to His service.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Prayer of the Holy Spirit**

#### **The Giving of the Bread and Cup**

*Ushers will guide you to receive. Gluten Free available.*

#### **The Prayer after Receiving**

#### **\*Hymn**

**UMH 110**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - vs. 1-2*

#### **\*Benediction**

**Rev. Sara**

Go in peace, and may the peace of God, which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness, always be with you. Go, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge. You are always within the power of God's care and love. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### **\*Postlude**

**Jesús Toro**

# Praise & Prayer Request

Craig and Linda Rhyne  
Frankie Collins  
Betty Staples  
Carla Bedenbaugh  
Esther Burlison  
Nancy Randle  
Aggie Miller

The Family of Rev. Dr. Roger  
Dodds  
Peggy Mitchem  
CiCi Hensley  
Joan Barton

If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining the prayer team, please contact the church office.  
All are welcome!



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to contribute to the general budget.

Attendance & Giving -  
April 26, 2026  
Morning Worship  
In Person - 10:30 - 179  
Online - households 25

2026 General Budget - \$1,010,278.00  
Received thru 3/31/26 - \$317,047.00  
Expenses thru 3/31/26 - \$228,552.00  
Online Giving: [hibbenumc.org/give](https://hibbenumc.org/give)

## Staff Contacts (843) 884-9761

### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 4pm  
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9am - 2pm

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Hibben  
Happenings  
For the week of  
May 3

We encourage you to take this happenings sheet home and place it on your fridge as a reminder of all of the activities and missions of Hibben!

## Mark Your Calendars

### Men's Club Fish Fry

May 9 - 11:30am-2:00pm

Tickets \$15

Dine in or Take out

### Graduation Sunday

May 24

Contact Rev. Katie for more info.

### Rev. Sara Departure

#### Celebration

June 14

After worship.

### Rev. Cathy Welcome

#### Celebration

June 28

After worship.

### Middle and High School

#### Youth Group

Every Sunday from 5pm - 7pm

In the CLLC Youth Room

### Wednesday Morning

#### Bible Study

Every Wednesday - 10:30am

For more information, contact

Sharon Thompson.

### VBS Registration is Open

Snowball Mountain Challenge

\$15 per child

Rising 4k through 5th Grade

June 22-25

Register at [HibbenUMC.org](http://HibbenUMC.org)



Scan the QR code  
with your smart  
phone to find all the  
links from  
this bulletin.



## Scholarship Opportunity

The Mallard-Sweatt Scholarship, named after two beloved church members, is available to all high school seniors who are members of Hibben UMC. The scholarship application is now available via the QR Code. Please turn in applications to the church office by May 11.

Contact Rev. Katie with questions.

## Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Build

We Are Building Another Habitat For Humanity Playhouse!

How can you help?

1. Show up on Saturday, June 13 - more details to come
2. Help us fund the project!

We have an anonymous donor with a Match Challenge.

Our donor is throwing in \$1500 - now we need to raise \$1500 more. If you would like to make a gift, please note that it is for the Habitat Playhouse.

Questions? Contact Bert Hogeman at [hhhogeman@gmail.com](mailto:hhhogeman@gmail.com).

## Men's Club Fish Fry

The Hibben Men's Club will host a fish fry May 9 - 11:30am -2:00pm.

Tickets are \$15

The OCC team will have a bake sale as well.

Bake sale items needed! Can be dropped off at the Church Office during office hours, or Fri. in the CLLC from 3pm -4pm, or Sat. at 10:30am

Contact Johnny McAllister for more details!

## Operation Christmas Child

The OCC team is assembling hygiene packs for the shoeboxes. We are in need of: 511 washcloths (pack of 18 for <\$5 at Walmart), 270 pediatric toothbrushes (pack of 5/\$1 at Walmart), 347 adult toothbrushes (can be purchased in bulk through Amazon but please do not buy disposable ones), 1200 combs (again bulk through Amazon), 900 clippers, emery boards (both through Amazon), and 5000 bandaids, just regular size (Costco and Walmart). Please bring them to the church- the OCC cubby is by the office. Thank you!

Do you like to sew or knit? Why not use your talents for OCC crafts? If interested, contact Betsy Chambers.