



# United Methodist Church of Gilbert

**Sunday, May 18, 2025, 8:00 & 9:30 AM**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Graduate Recognition and Promotion Sunday**



**We recognize the sacred value and worth of all persons.** So no matter what you believe or questions you may have. No matter what economic status, color of skin, gender identity, origin, ability, no matter who you love. You are welcome in this space, at this time ... to be met by God who knows your heart and knows your name and desires to be in a relationship with you!

**Welcome to the journey toward God!**

*During our services, we will be capturing video footage and photos to share with our online community to extend our worship experience to those who cannot join us in person.*

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**Prelude** "God So Loved the World" arr. James Koerts Marilyn Harter

**Bell Tower Tolls with Procession of Light** Marilyn Harter  
"God of Love and God of Power" Gerald H. Kennedy and Joachim Neander

**Words of Welcome** Pastor Adriana Hernandez

**\*Call to Worship** Sylvia Moore

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**\*Hymn of Praise** "O How I Love Jesus" UMH 170 vs 1-3

**Scripture Reading** Acts 11: 1-18 NRSVue Sylvia Moore

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**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Choral Anthem** "The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson Chancel Choir

**Preparing Our Hearts:** *The question of the day* Pastor Adriana

**Message** Rev. Dr. Kristin D. Hansen

**Graduate Recognition** Shayla Paap and Pastor Kristin

**Song of Response** "O How He Loves You and Me" TFWS 2108 vs 1-2

**Congregational Prayer with Lord's Prayer** Pastor Adriana

## Offering

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Pastor Adriana



## Offertory

Graduate Recognition Memories

Media

## \*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

## \*Closing Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" TFWS 2223 vs 1-4

## \*Benediction

Pastor Kristin

## Postlude

"Love Lifted Me" arr. James Koerts

Marilyn Harter

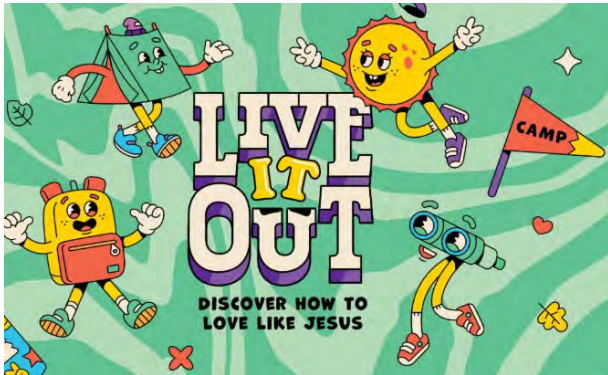
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in the Activity Center (on the left as you exit)!***



# Vacation Bible School

**June 2-6, 2025 from 9 AM-12 Noon**

Children enjoy stories from the Bible, singing, crafts, games, snacks, and exciting skits. We welcome children who are Potty-Trained Preschool, Pre-Kinder, and Kindergarten- 5th grade students, some classes waitlisted waiting for more volunteers. **Youth and adults are welcome as volunteers. Register at [Gilbertumc.org](http://Gilbertumc.org)**



## **VBS Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for new volunteers to help us with VBS. We need your help, even if you haven't helped before! Training available. Contact Janelle for more information [ChildrensMinistry@gilbertumc.org](mailto:ChildrensMinistry@gilbertumc.org)

## **Snack donations for Vacation Bible School Needed by May 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Pretzels, Honeycomb Cereal, Goldfish crackers (any flavor), teddy grahams (any flavor), freeze dried strawberries, dried banana slices, chocolate chips, mini marshmallows

## **Vitalant Blood Drive**

Sunday, June 1st, 2025

7am - 11am

Activity Center

Make an appointment by calling **877-25-VITAL**

**vitalant**  
Blood Donation

## **Youth Schedule**

May 18th- Promotion Sunday Breakfast (IHOP 7am)

May 18th- Grad Sunday

June 1- VBS Set- Up (11am-1pm)

June 2-6th- Vacation Bible School (Volunteer Opportunity)

June 8th- Youth Group (TBD 11am?)

June 12-15- Annual Conference

(Youth Involvement TBD)

June 29-July 5th- Sierra Service Project





## Hot Dog Sunday Today!

Come get your free hot dogs!  
Stay for a moment and talk a  
bit! Vegetarian available.  
Thanks Welcoming Team!

### Father's Day Mission Drive

The Mission team is collecting hygiene supplies to provide shelters for Father's Drive. Items to collect include **shaving kits, soap, shampoo, hairbrush, combs, toothbrush, after shave, lotion, wallets, and hair gel.** The Mission team will be in the courtyard on June 1st and June 8th to



## Preschool End of Year Program

Congratulations to the children, families, and teachers on a great  
2024-2025 school year!





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# TODAY, May 18, 2025

**Hot Dog Cookout on the patio today!**

7 am **Youth Promotion Sunday IHOP Breakfast**

8 am **Worship** (Sanctuary), **Nursery, Children's Sunday School** (PreK Rm144)

9 am **Welcome Time:** Snacks, conversation and connection (Activity Center & Patio)

9:30 am **Worship** (Sanctuary and gilbertumc.org), **Nursery, Children Sunday School** (Rooms 144-147, 203-205), **Jr High** (Room 200), **Sr High** (Room 201)

9:45 am **Choir Sunday School Class** (130 Large Meeting Room)

10:30 am **Reception after the Service for Grads:** Cake, conversation and connection (Activity Center)

11 am **Adult Sunday School Class** (Room 136)

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

*For Bible studies, support groups, scouting and more, go online to [GilbertUMC.org](http://GilbertUMC.org).*

### Tuesday, May 20

<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	9:15 am	Room 130
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### Wednesday, May 21

<b>Chat 'n' Chew</b> Gather to share lunch and chat	12:00 Noon	Room 136
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<b>Blessing Bells</b> Led by Marilyn Harter	3:00pm	Room 136
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<b>Handbell Practice</b> Led by Marilyn Harter	5:00 pm	Choir Room
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<b>Chancel Choir Practice</b> Led by Randy Van Der Pol	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
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### Thursday, May 22

<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b> Brian O'Brien	6:30 am	Room 130
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## FOR THE CALENDAR

May 26 Memorial Day: Office Closed

June 1 Vitalant Blood Drive and Vacation Bible School set up

June 2-6 Vacation Bible School Week: Volunteers Needed! Register on our website.

**June 8 Pentecost: Wear Red to Church!**

June 11-14 Desert Southwest Annual Conference (Pastors and Lay representatives)

June 15 Father's Day

June 19 Juneteenth: Office Closed

June 27-29 Church campout hosted by the choir at Ponderosa campground in Payson

June 29-July 6 Youth to Sierra Service Project Mission Trip in San Diego

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