



Coffee Hour dates available:

May 18

June 1,8,15,22,29

Sunday Flowers available:

June 8

August 31

September 7 October 19



Our **Greeter** today is ???



You're invited to join us in the parlor for refreshments following today's service.

Your host/donor for today is:

Elsie Antolin and Memo Oshei



Save the Date!

TELL YOUR FRIENDS !!!!



Chicken BBQ Dinner
and Strawberry Festival

Thursday June 19, 2025 4-7pm

THIS IS AN "ALL HANDS ON DECK" EVENT.

We'll need LOTS of volunteers so please
mark your calendar today and

WATCH FOR SIGN-UPS!!!

Tickets will be available next week.

Buy and sell your tickets!

Use the QR Code Below to make your weekly donation, support Clara's Closet, or purchase tickets to any of our fundraising events. It's the fast & easy way to give.



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11th, 2025

10:30am

Central Park United Methodist Church

216 Beard Ave.

Buffalo NY 14214

Website: centralparkcomplex.com

E-Mail: help@centralparkcomplex.com

Clara's Closet Website: clarasclosetbuffalo.org

Rev. Brian Rotach, Interim Pastor

Mr. Matthew Caputy, Minister of Music
Reader/Communion Helper: Ms. Memo Oshei
Videographer: Mr. Frank Murphy

*We are a Christ-centered community
of faith and love,
reaching out to all.*

The flowers at the altar today are given by Steve and Anne Hunt, for all our mothers and grandmothers.

Centering Music Elevation Thomas Dubois

Greeting/Announcements

+Opening Words: Isaiah 66:13

As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you says the Lord.

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #92, vss. 1-4
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Opening Prayer (Unison): Mothers Day Prayer" by Rev. Jane Sommers
On this day of celebrating your love, O God, we lift to you those who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, and those who have taught us, our mothers. May your blessing pour out upon the woman who gave us birth, and those beautiful, strong women of faith who have been mothers to us along our journey. Where we have been so blessed, we give our grateful praise, for you have provided loving hands that have worked so hard in raising us, cared enough to correct us, blessed us in ways we cannot have fully known as children. We call forth your compassion upon every mother who has unknowingly caused pain and suffering. And, so we lift to you our mothers, so imperfect, also so wounded by this world. We bless our mothers this day, no matter what they have done or left undone. We do this because we believe in your healing, and we believe in your love and we believe that you love every mother, good or bad; and we stand together with all mothers in solidarity, for we all are in need of your grace. Where we have seen your face in any woman who has been to us a mother, in her face we have seen your light and your love and we give thanks -- for where they have loved, they have kept your word and blessed us. We lift to you the heart of every mother who has watched her child die of hunger, every mother who had been a victim of abuse, every woman who stands in protest against a world that massacres her children and renames them "collateral damage." We lift to you the prayer of every mother who has ever loved and lost. We lift to you our Mother Earth. We lift to you our Mother Church. We lift to you, O God, your mother's heart; and although we cannot fully express our gratitude, help each one of us to be your blessing of love, a blessing straight from your heart. Amen.

Invitation to Children: "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

A Time for Children The Rev. Tom LeBeau

Choral Anthem: arr. R. Bitgood
"Lord of Life and King of Glory"

The Psalm: Psalm 91(read responsively) Hymnal #810

+The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The Sermon: The Rev. Tom LeBeau

Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayers

Baba Yetu

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal #895

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal #133
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

+Blessing our Gifts

Holy Communion Hymnal #9

+Closing Song: "The Gift of Love" Hymnal #408

+Send-off

Postlude Toccata in E Minor Johann Pachelbel

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+denotes standing, as you are able.

"Volunteers are needed to assist with supporting the performance by and reception for the Boston Ave. UMC Youth Choir of Tulsa, Okla. The event in our sanctuary is at 7 PM, June 3rd. Please see Joe Steinmetz or Mary Lou Frost if you are able to help".

