

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim Truesdell

* Call to Worship Travis Gray

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, “You are my God.”

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.

*Hymn Christ is Risen! Shout Hossanna! #248

*Call to Confession Travis Gray

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your hoy name.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

**You are the Lord giver of mercy!
You are the Christ giver of mercy!
You are the lord giver of mercy**

*Assurance of Pardon Pastor Truesdell

*Sharing the Peace of Christ Pastor Jim Truesdell

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination Travis Gray

First Reading 1 Peter 2: 2-10
pgs. 1,201 Travis Gray

Anthem

Second Reading John 14: 1-14
p. 1,067-68 Pastor Truesdell

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Be Where I Am” Pastor Truesdell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

The Apostles' Creed Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory I Want Jesus to Walk With Me Dr. Crowell

*Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below; praise
him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together #525

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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...

[pastor continues]

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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...[pastor continues]

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives my proclaim the One crucified and risen. Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Insitution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until all have been served.

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn How Great Thou Art #625

*Charge

*Benediction

* Postlude Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Dr. Crowell,

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health) Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Doris Welch (Home) Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele Jac Catlett
Susie Fogg (Home) Diane Lynn (Health)
Sharon Massey Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard Joshua Hargrove - Deployed
Jay Tulley- Middle East Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Larry Harris (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Silvey Family (Healing, daughter, 3 years old)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees and kidneys, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father-in-law of Michael& Gail Cottles)
Patricia Cloninger (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Leigh Ann Looyenga (Healing, friend of Gina Haraway)
MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)
Allison Hargrove Bains (Sympathy, niece of Diann Copeland)
Great Uncle of Rosie Sims (Hospice)
Laura Christopher (Healing, friend of Suzanne Paysinger)
John (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Freida Holsaplle (Health, great (great) grandmother of Destiny and Rosie Sims

For Our Visitors:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night at Revival
- Potter's hand meets each Wednesday morning from 9-12
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Presbyterian Women's meeting, Tuesday, May 5th at 1:00 in the Rodgers Center.
- Shower Day with Hearts for Homeless, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 at Revival. Volunteers are welcome to set up at 11:00, lunch and fellowship at 12:00, and clean-up at 2:00.
- Men's Council meeting May 17th in Rodger's center, May 17th 8-8:45 am
- Mexico Mission fundraiser Luncheon, May 17th, following worship service in the Rodgers Center.

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Flowers

**The flowers are given
to the glory of God.
To sign up for
flowers call the
church office.**



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