

# We Gather to Worship

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim Truesdell

\* Call to Worship Pastor Larry Ugarte`

Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
**sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise**  
Say to God, How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength, your enemies cringe before you.  
**All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name.**

Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful God's action toward all people.  
**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and then we rejoiced in God.**

\*Hymn Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks #240

\*Prayer

\*Hymn Thine is the Glory #238

\*Call to Confession Larry Ugarte`

\*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

\* The Gloria Patri Unison

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; Amen.**

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ Pastor Truesdell

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

## We Listen to God's Word

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Sharon and Elijah Hand

Prayer of Illumination Larry Ugarte`

First Reading 1 Peter 3: 13-22 p. 1,202 Larry Ugarte`

Anthem

Gospel Reading John 14: 15-21 p. 1,068-69 Pastor Truesdell

Response Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Joined Together" Pastor Truesdell

## We Respond to God's Grace

\*Hymn Spirit of the Living God # 8288

\*Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayers of The People Pastor Truesdell

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.**

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory 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 Pastor Truesdell

\*Hymn Breath on me Breath of God #286

\*Charge Pastor Truesdell

\*Benediction

\* Postlude Dr. Crowell

**\*Stand if you are able**

May 10, 2026

6th Sunday after Easter

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (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)	Charlotte Lyle (Healing)

### 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 worshiping 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
- Shower Day with Hearts for Homeless, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- If you are interested in becoming a member of FPC, there will be an informal dinner at 5 pm in the Revival Center, across from the church on Washington st. We will be welcoming new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. New members not able to attend on that Sunday will be recognized on another Sunday. All members are encouraged to pray for the church and those whom God is calling.
- Men’s Council meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> in Rodger’s center, May 17<sup>th</sup> 8-8:45 am
- Mexico Mission fundraiser Luncheon, May 17<sup>th</sup>, following worship service in the Rodgers Center.

## Staff

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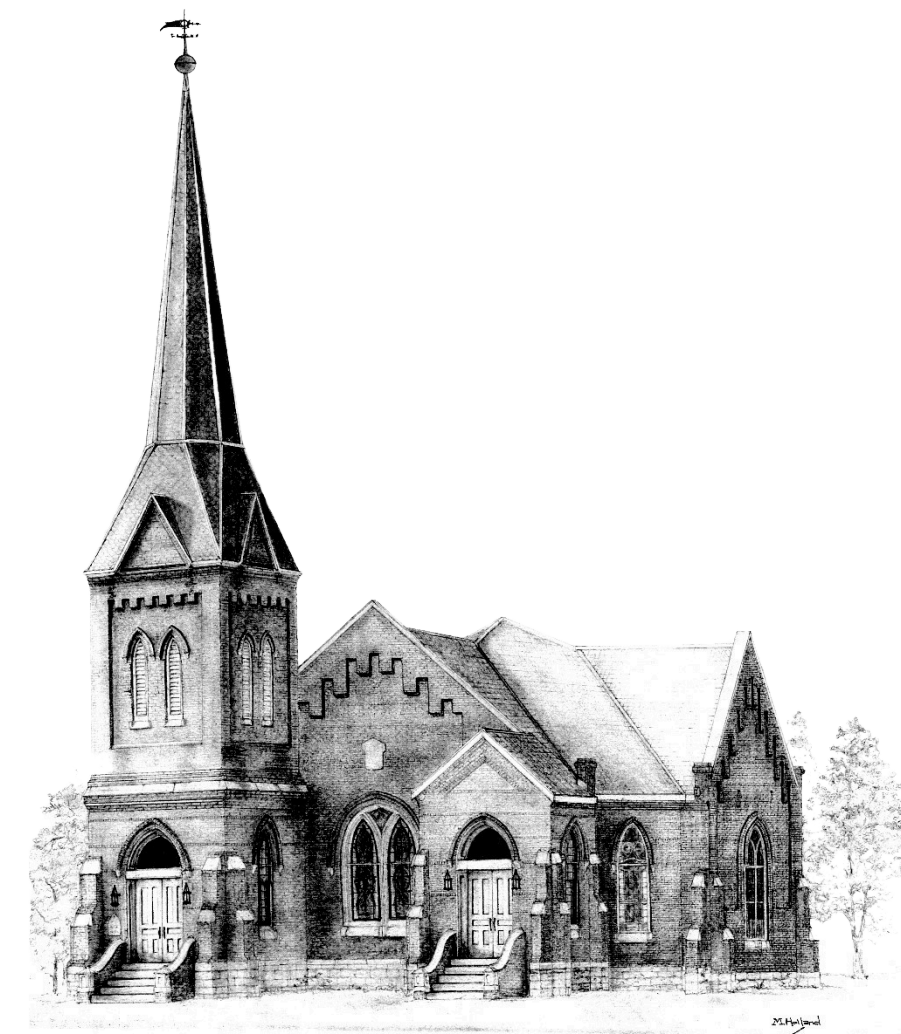
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Erica Hand

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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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