

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	Heavenly Sunlight	Dr. Mary Crowell
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Jim Truesdell
* Call to Worship		Elder Sharon Hand`

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared, the great Sovereign over the earth.

The Lord subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

The Lord chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of the beloved Jacob.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises.

For God is Sovereign of all the earth; sing praise with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon heaven's holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and God is highly exalted.

*Hymn	O Worship the King, All Glorious Above	#41
*Prayer		
*Hymn	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	#263
*Call to Confession		Sharon Hand
*Prayer of Confession		Unison

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, his body.

* 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 for Illumination		Sharon Hand
First Reading	Luke 24:44-53 p. 1,048	Sharon Hand
Anthem	Glory to God	arr. Joel Raney
Second Reading	Acts 1:1-11 p. 1,077	Pastor Truesdell
Response	Leader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	The Mission of Jesus	Pastor Truesdell

We Respond to God's Grace

*Hymn	Arise, Your Light Is Come!	#744
*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	Just As I am, Without One Plea	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	Go with Us, Lord	#748
*Charge		Pastor Truesdell
*Benediction		
* Postlude	Benediction Medley	Dr. Crowell

***Stand if you are able**

May 17, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

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 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
- 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.
- Join us today for the Mexico Mission fundraiser Luncheon, May 17th, following worship service in the Rodgers Center.

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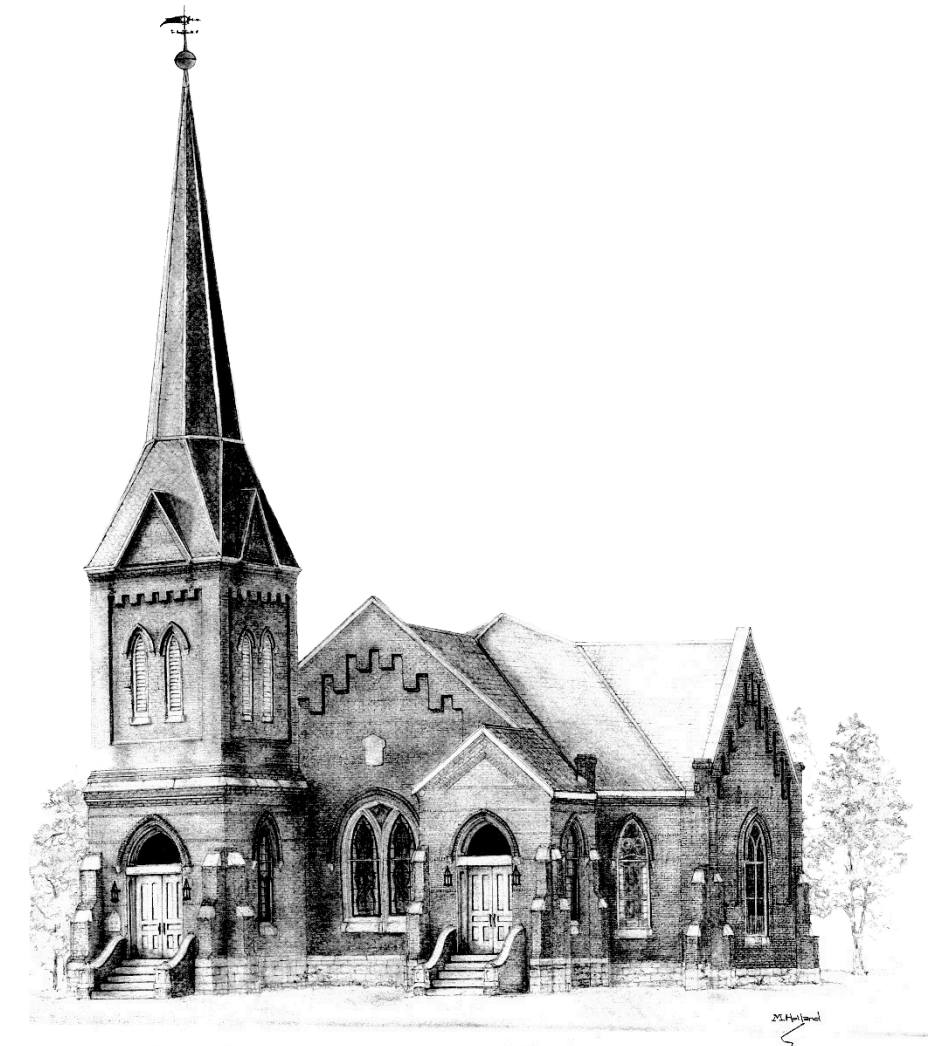
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