

**May 11, 2025; 9:00 am**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

## **We Gather Together**

***Welcome** to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

**Prelude:** "Hymn to Joy" *arr. by Gerhard Krapf and Emma Lou Diemer*

*"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen." – Revelation 7:12b*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

**Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Jolene S., liturgist*

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

**The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.**

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

**Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.**

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

**Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain,**

**God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.**

Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

**And we will dwell in God's house forever. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. AMEN.

**\*Sung Response: GTG 248 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”**

*Carol W., Cantor*

**\*Call to Confession**

*Jolene S., liturgist*

We have no time for rest, or to sit by calm oasis of grace, or find the right paths to follow, and so we hurt people with our words and deeds, we turn away from the one who seeks to feed us with goodness and mercy. Let us come to our God, who longs to anoint us with forgiveness, as we offer our prayers, saying,

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored.**

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

You refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, Gracious God, but offer it to us without any hesitation. **You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice; the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, follows us all the days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: God leads us into places of hope; God gives us the waters of life to strengthen us; God is with us in every moment, in every place of our lives. **Anointed with grace, fed with joy, and wonder, we offer thanksgiving to the one who forgives us now and forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Sharing God’s Peace**

Hear this greeting from Jude 2, “May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.” The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula ‘The Peace of Christ.’ ‘And also, with you.’ Please be mindful of those who do not wish to*

*shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)*

**\*Sung Response: GTG 582** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*Daniel A., saxophone; Dan B., drums; Eddie H., bass*

## **God’s Word Is Proclaimed**

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 23 (Psalms of Wonder: Poems from Book of Songs)**

page 501 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 680 (CEB)

God is my shepherd,  
so I have everything I need.  
God tells me when to rest  
in the beautiful fields.  
God takes me to quiet streams  
and makes my soul new.  
God leads me down good paths  
because God’s way is true.  
And when I walk through the valley  
of shadows of death,  
I won’t be afraid, because  
you won’t leave me for a step.

You comfort me  
by showing me the way.  
You spread a feast before me  
no matter what people say.  
You pour oil on my head  
to show that I am yours.  
You fill my cup up so high  
that it overflows.  
You send goodness and mercy  
with me everywhere I go,  
and everywhere I go  
you are always my home.

## **Scripture Reading: Acts 9:36-43 (Common English Bible)**

page 128 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1337 (CEB)

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

### **Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**HYMN: GTG 250 "In the Bulb There is a Flower"**

**Sermon: "Miracles of New Life"**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

### **The Practice of Gratitude**

*In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.*

**Offering Music: GTG 800 “Sometimes a Light Surprises”**

*Carol W.*

**\*Offertory: GTG 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (refrain only)**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

### **Prayers of the People**

Arnold L.	James P.* (Ruth P. friend)	Paige T.
Bob & Ollive B.	Jesse F.	Pass Family
Brian C.	Joan K.* (Marcus A. mom)	Pat D.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Kathy A* (Kevin B sister)	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Corinne C.	Kathy G.	Paul W.
Dick* (Laurie C uncle)	Liam A.	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson)	Lindsay* (Bill/Mary daughter)	Rod M* (Mary/Dan R friend)
Gib D.	<b>Lynn M.</b>	Sherry M.
Pete D.	Marie L.	Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew)
Jack K* (Jolene S BIL)	Mary C-A.*	

Laurie Christie in the death of her aunt, Maryann.

The names in **bold** are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit. If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

**\*Sung response: GTG 319 “Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”**

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude: “Men of Faith” *reprise***

**WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR MAY 4,2025**

Individuals in Person: 114

Zoom Households: 10

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
5.4.25	\$3015.00	Tithes/Offerings
	20.00	Special Offerings
4.28-5.2.25	\$3171.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	200.00	Special Offerings
	<u>\$6406.00</u>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
5.4.25	\$260.00	Fellowship Time-Compassion Fund

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## **This Week**

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am  
10:15-11:15am  
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### **May 11**

Worship  
Fellowship Time  
Sunday School  
Growing Connections-Influential Women in Our Lives

### **Monday**

10:00-11:30am  
1:00-2:30pm

### **May 12**

Staff Meeting  
Personnel Team Meeting

### **Tuesday**

1:00-2:30pm  
6:00-7:30pm

### **May 13**

Loving Team Meeting  
Buildings & Grounds Meeting

### **Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am  
4:00-5:00pm  
5:30-7:30pm

### **May 14**

Men's Breakfast  
Handbell Rehearsal  
Women in Faith

### **Thursday**

2:00-3:00pm

### **May 15**

Serving Team Meeting

### **Friday**

7:00-9:00pm

### **May 15**

Cribbage

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am  
10:00-10:30am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
11:30-12:45pm  
11:30-12:30pm  
12:30-6:00pm  
1:00-2:00pm

### **May 18 Graduate Sunday**

Worship  
Congregational Meeting  
Fellowship Time  
Sunday School  
Growing Connections-School Memories  
PYA Lunch and Activities  
Learning Team Meeting  
Piano Recital  
PYA at the Woodlands

## **Looking Ahead**

Loaves and Fishes

May 28