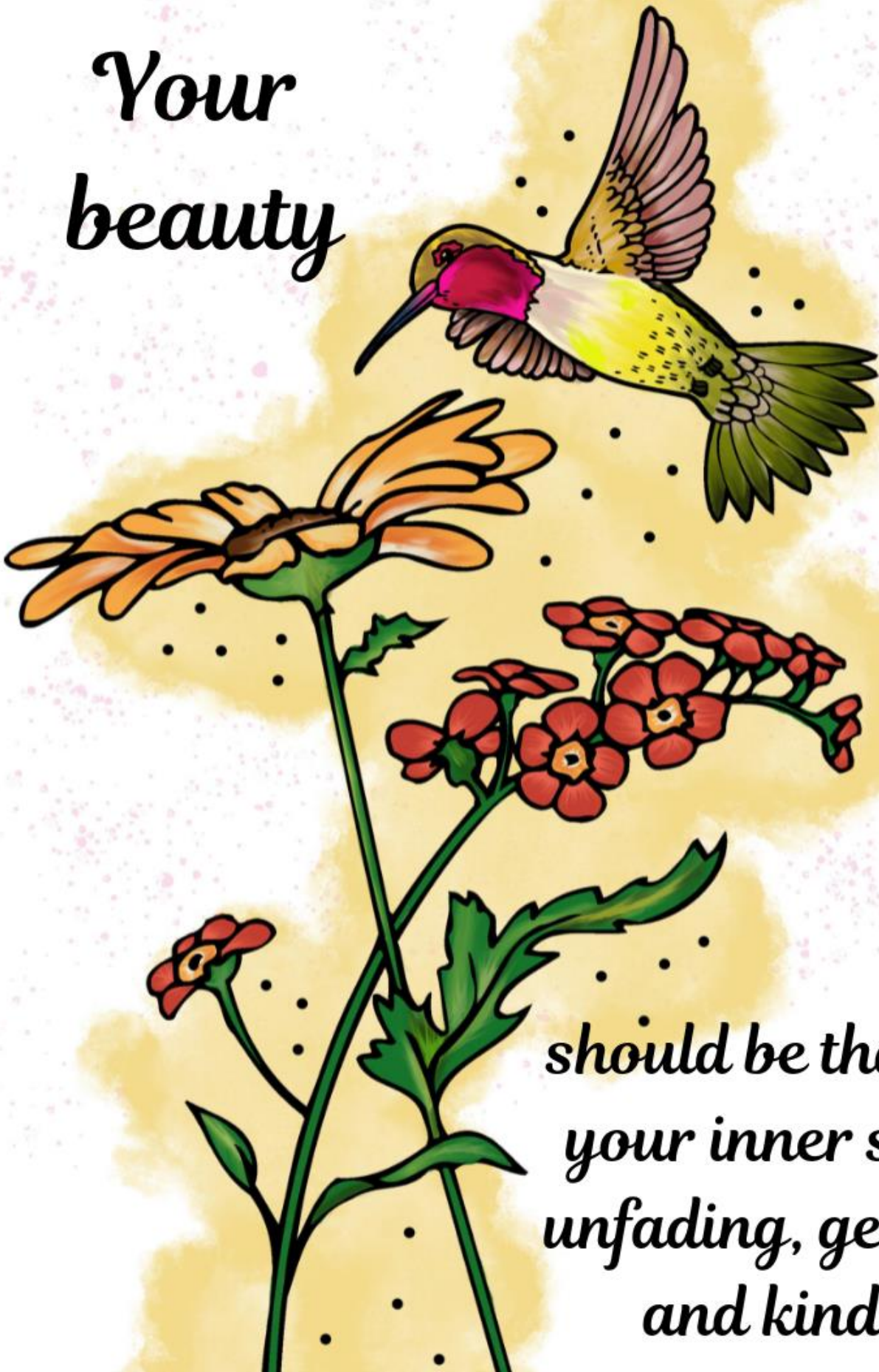


*Your
beauty*



*should be that of
your inner self,
unfading, gentle,
and kind.*

MAY 8, 2022

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Meditation on Psalm 23

Ryan Price

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

Turn and face the cross. As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the altar
HYMN *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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- 1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
- 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
- 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
- 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of

your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Acts 9:36-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Read together.

***¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.***

***²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.***

***³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways
for your name's sake.***

***⁴Though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***

***⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.***

***⁶Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.***

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,

and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

shepherds

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

We belong. We love. We do.

We stand.

HYMN

Good, Good Father

Barrett, Brown/CCLI #7036612

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
and You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone
You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word
You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still, Into love, love, love
You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,***

*the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

After each petition:

God, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

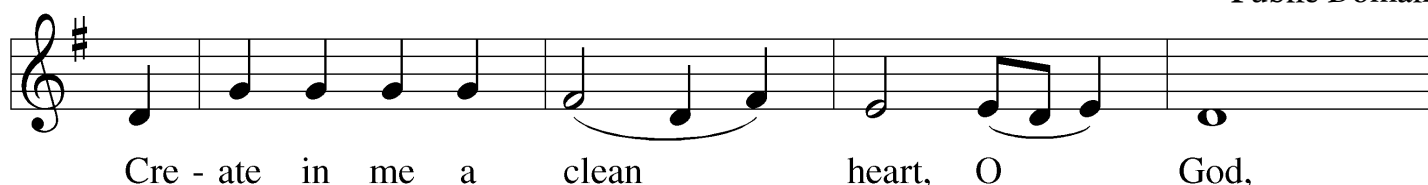
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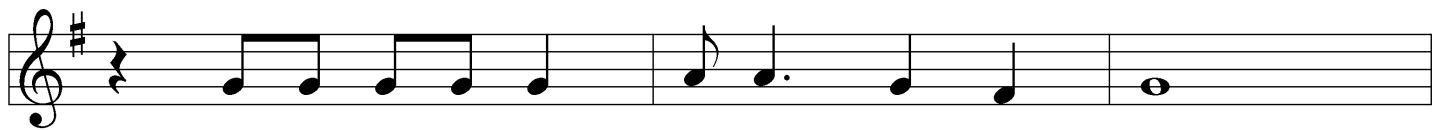
We stand.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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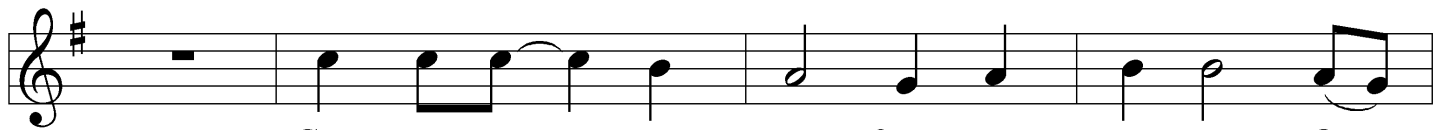
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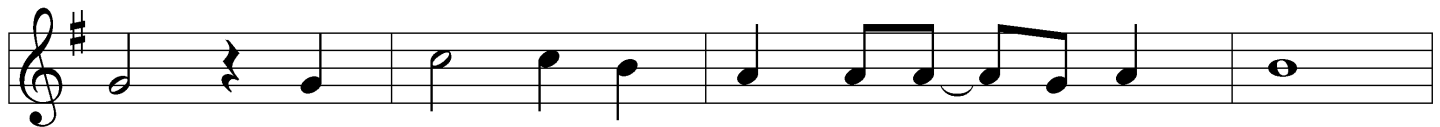
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O



Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together

in your peaceable reign,

and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal,

*and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

THE MEAL

*Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

PREFACE

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should
always and everywhere give thanks and praise to you, for the
glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true
Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in
dying destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal
life. We praise your name.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

*With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover
from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. Come!

COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion. Both sides will form a single line in the center aisle. You will receive the bread and then receive the wine or grape juice from the side in which you are seated. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

Better is One Day

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

***We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, †
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN
Sing Twice

Lord, I lift Your Name on High

Founds/CCLI #117947

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, D, C, G, C for the first staff; D, C, G, C, D, C for the second; G, C, Dsus, D, G, C for the third; D, C, G, C for the fourth; D, C, G, C for the fifth; and D, Em7, Am7, Dsus, D, G, C/G, G for the sixth. The lyrics are: 'Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.'

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your
prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth
to show the way, from the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

POSTLUDE

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

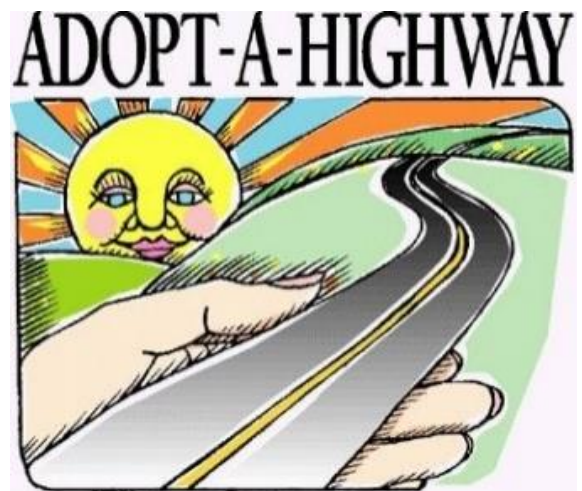
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all mothers and motherly figures at Mt. Hermon by the Kinard family.

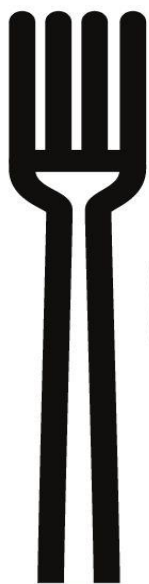
Adopt-A-Highway

Make plans to help with our next Adopt-A-Highway pick-up on **Saturday, May 21**. Meet in the church parking lot by 9:00 am. The other pick-up dates this year are: August 20 and November 12, 2022.



COMMUNITY MEAL

May 21 at Noon ~ Fellowship Hall



Lunch Includes:
Sliced Ham
Mac & Cheese
Green Beans
Rolls
Banana Pudding
Beverage



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#allarewelcome #nocost

COFFEE FOOD FELLOWSHIP

MAY 22, 2022

FELLOWSHIP HALL

10:30

WOULD YOU LIKE TO
BRING GOODIES?
SEE FRAN BOUKNIGHT





Grief Seminar

Deborah Poole,
Certified Grief Counselor

May 22nd
4:00 Fellowship Hall

All are welcome!



No two persons grieve the same.





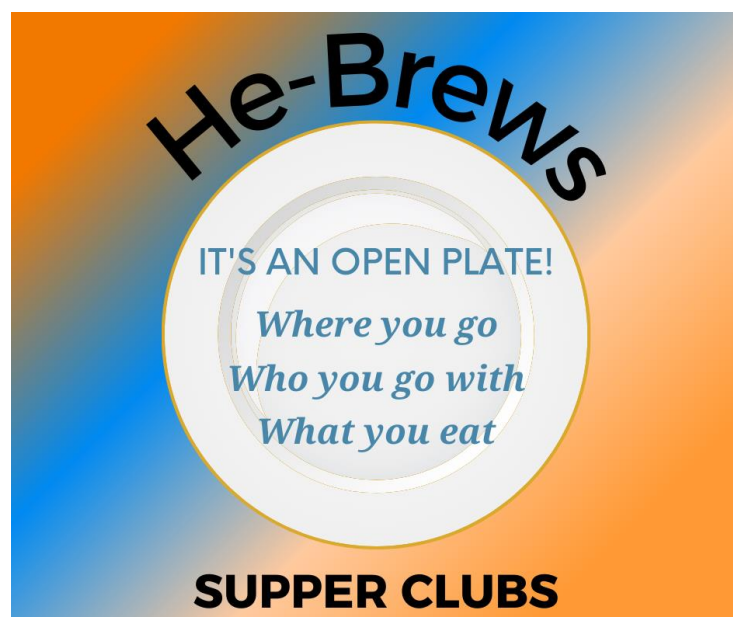
If you have anyone whom you would like to add or check the status of their names in the Memorial Day Bulletin, please call the church office.

Hebrews 10:25 reads

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

This is a great reminder that God calls us to gather in order to share our faith and strengthen and encourage one another in Christ. We do this through our

He-Brews supper clubs. The remaining 2022 dates for He-Brews will be July 30th (sign up by July 24) and October 15th (sign up Oct 9). How do I participate? Sign-up on the sign-up sheet located in the breezeway or on-line. All participants will be divided randomly into small groups. A contact person will coordinate with their group to set a time and destination to meet for dinner. The groups will change for each date so that each time you meet you are with a different group of people.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

05/01/2022

In-person Worship 101 + Live Stream Worship 59 = 160

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$5,782.39
Building Fund	Received	\$2,22.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$2,167.60

Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of **Lena Wessinger** by Parker & Diane Boulware, Cathy Hall Yonce

Thank you for your generous donations!

To my Mt. Hermon Family,

In three weeks, you have helped me surpass my goal of \$1,000 for my project. Your generous donations have more than doubled the funding for my project. I have begun incorporating additional elements into my project with the generosity of your hearts! I am excited to get started on my project in the next few weeks. Thank you for the donations!

Outdoor Sanctuary

**Sincerely,
Tanner Addy**



Tanner's Eagle Scout Project
\$ 2,293.60 Received to date

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Serving Today*	Next Sunday
Greeter:	Alyson Price	Alyson Price
Crucifer:	Tanner Addy	Lawson Morris
Acolyte:	Connor Eargle	Brayden Morris
Lector:	Mike Rawl	Emily Morris
Communion Asst.	Hayden Eargle	Charlene Corley
	Danny Scott	Ronnie Fulmer
	Frankie Jackson	Arron Kinard
Flowers	Arron & Elyse Kinard	Marsh/Price

Serving in May

Council Representative: Sheila Starkey

Altar Guild: Ann Addy, Annette Price

Tabulators: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick



MT HERMON PRAYS

**family of Lyle Bockus*

Continual Prayers

Clifton Addy, home

Patricia Bachman, Generations

Alberta Berry, home

Hazel Bockus, Springdale Home

Nell Buff, NHC

Becky Koon, Colonial Gardens

Tom Roof, home

Cyndi Thurman, Prisma Baptist

Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Ann Addy

Kay Bryant

James Hallman

Jerry Ellisor

Angie Hydrick

Marie Kleckley

Jean Shealy

Jerry Price III

Gene Schofield

Jane Sexton

Kitty Boulware

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Martha Eastwood, sister of Marie Kleckley

David Hydrick, family of Angie Hydrick

Charlotte & Paul Nelson, friends of Herb Bucknam

Bob Eastwood, brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley

Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy

Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb Bucknam

Don Freeman, friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Jessica Drigger's mother, friend of Denise Thurman

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

Dr. Kay Moore, friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart

Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller

Lewis Turner, friend of Jo Leach

Emma Hunt, grandmother of Laura Carroll

Beth Ellsworth, friend of Kenny Bouknight

David Gosnell, friend of Allison Swygert

Michelle Gross & Bryan Gross, friends of Regan Anthony

Shirley Duenka, friend of Sheila Starkey

Grayson Crout, friend of Sheila Starkey

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott

Arthava Tripathi, child friend of Robert & Joye Haygood

Jackson Kolker, friend of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight

Steve Kinard, father of Arron Kinard

Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price

Curtis Plummer, husband of DJ, son-in-law Wayne & Charlene Corley, serving our country

Stan Weber, husband of Debi Weber

**family of Barry Posey, friend of Cyndi Leaphart*

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, May 15th New Disciples (Chris & Marie Carroll)

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

4:00 pm Council Meets

Monday, May 16th

5:30 pm CR: Outreach Team

Wednesday, May 18th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick)

Saturday, May 7th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts/Carrolls)





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Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, May 8th ~ Mother's Day

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, May 9th

6:30 pm FH: Lutheran Men & Women

Wednesday, May 11th

9:00 am Food Pantry
(Bonnie & Frank Bouknight, Andrea Bowers)
12:05 pm OneBody in Christ

Saturday, May 14th

all day FH: Rental
9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)