

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**MAY 24, 2020**

## 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. A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

**Again welcome ...**

**PRE-SERVICE**

*Morning Has Broken*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.  
Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

*We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

*Where He Leads Me / He Leadeth Me*

Adams

## THE GATHERING

*We stand and face the baptismal font.*

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

***He is risen, Indeed! Alleluia!***

We gather for worship in the name of the Father, and **†** of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,  
***you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.***

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!  
The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds,  
washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen,  
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.  
Jesus Christ loves you and † frees you from your sins by his blood.  
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!  
**Amen.**

**Verse 1**

Lord I come to You  
Let my heart be changed renewed  
Flowing from the grace  
That I found in You  
And Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the pow'r of Your love

**Chorus**

Hold me close  
Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near  
Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait  
I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the pow'r of Your love

**Verse 2**

Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love  
As You live in me  
Lord renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living ev'ry day  
By the pow'r of Your love

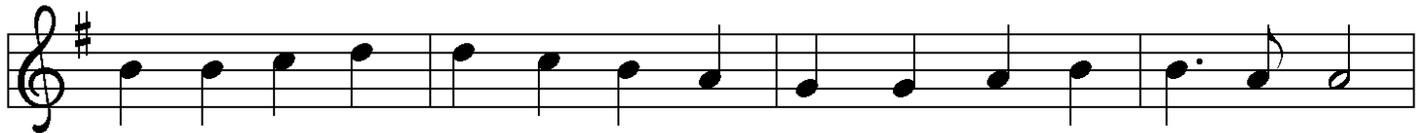
**Chorus: sing twice**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*And also with you.*

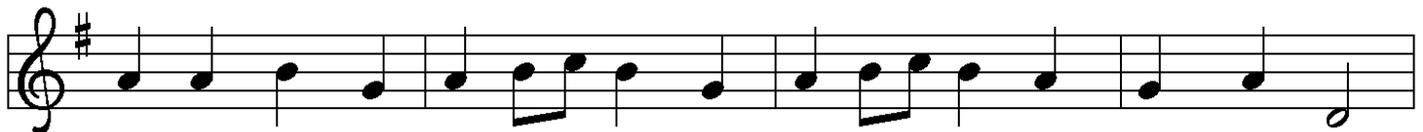
## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*We pray together.*

***O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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**

### **READING: Acts 1:6-14**

*A reading from Acts.*

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were

constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

**MUSIC**

*Morning Psalm*

Price

**READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

*A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter.*

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

<sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

*We stand.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I

came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

*We sit.*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **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**

*Jesus prays*

HYMN

You Are Mine

ELW 581



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

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## **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**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

*The Prayers conclude:*

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord  
**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.mthlc.org](http://www.mthlc.org) and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. Please also take this time in worship to complete the pew registers.*

## OFFERING

*Midnight Cry*

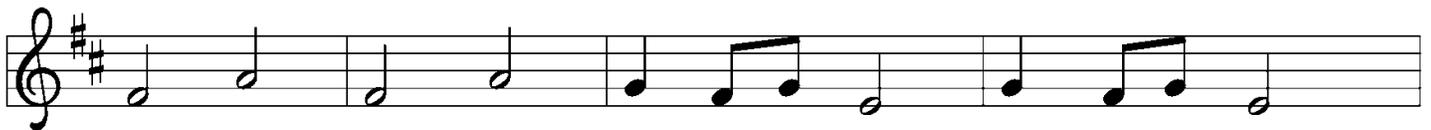
*Chuck/Day*

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

*Lord, Be Glorified*

*W&P 89*



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.*

***Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again with this meal in your name in the strength of the risen Christ. 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 at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. The true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



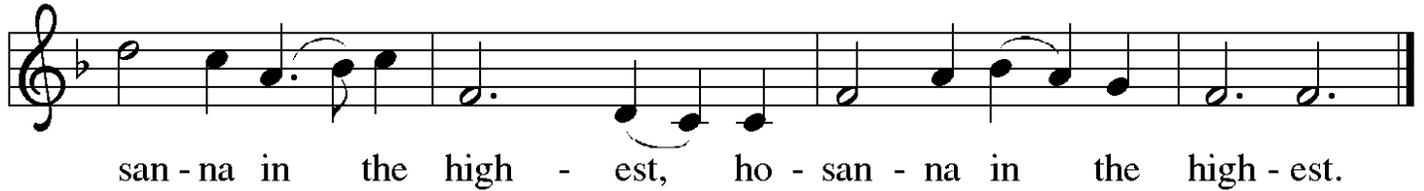
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



## 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 and 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.***

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, 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**

You are invited to call the church office and schedule a time for communion distribution.

## **THE SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

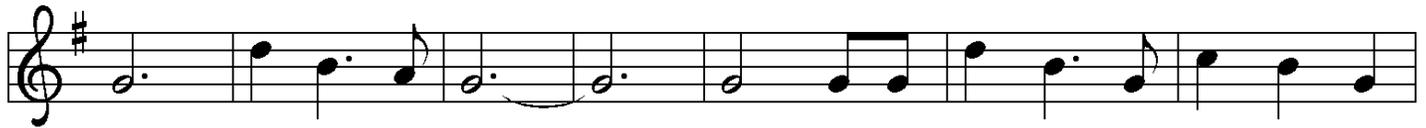
May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. ***Amen.***

HYMN

*We Are Called*

W&P 147



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

**DISMISSAL**

Christ is Risen! *He is risen, Indeed! Alleluia!*

**POSTLUDE**

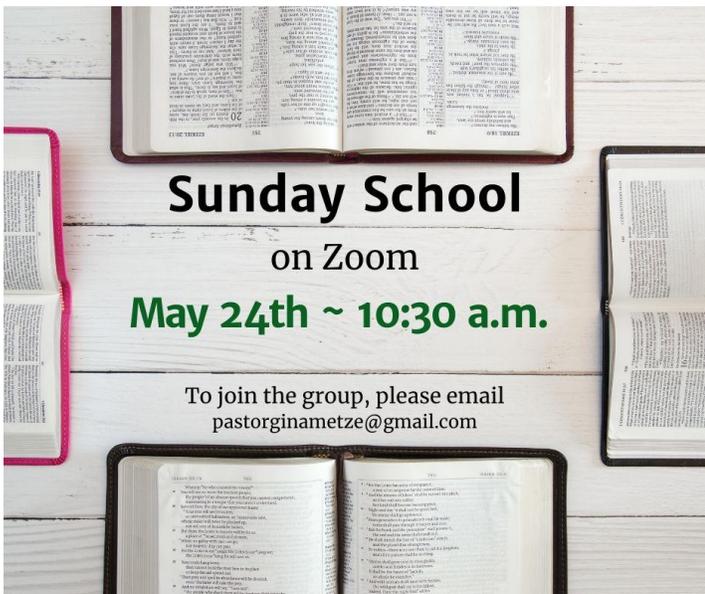
*That Will Be Glory!*

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# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Debbie and Ronnie's 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Looking for many more years to share together.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS** who lead worship: Regan Anthony, Daryl Leigh Anthony, Wynne Price, Joel Price, Ryan Price, Belle Kneece, and Noah Causey. Also, thanks to the **LIVE STREAM PRODUCTION CREW**: Sheila Starkey and Breanna Metze.



**Sunday School**  
on Zoom  
**May 24th ~ 10:30 a.m.**

To join the group, please email  
pastorinametze@gmail.com



*First and Third Sunday  
of the Month*

**Communion Distribution  
and Blessings**

Immediately following service  
until 1:00 pm  
in the church parking lot

Enter paved parking lot near the bus  
and loop in front of the church office.

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**Tithes, and Offering for 05/17/2020**  
**Live Stream Worship – 136+**  
**Zoom Sunday School – n/a**  
**Drive-In Communion – 76**

<b>Current &amp; Benevolent</b>	Received	\$3,088.55
<b>Building Improvement</b>	Received	\$200.00
<b>Growing on Holy Ground</b>	Received	\$1,325.00

**Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)**

**In honor of Jennifer Price, Juanita McCartha, Janet DeBruhl and Beverly Hamilton** by Linda Waters-Hamilton

**In memory of Doris Marsh** by Gloria White Mathias, Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony

**In memory of Ernie Swygert** by Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony

**In memory of James “Buzzy” Mathias and all the loving family we have cherished and lost** by Gloria White Mathias

**In memory of James “Buzzy” Mathias (80 years birthday)** by Gloria White Mathias



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# MT HERMON PRAYS ...

- \* *everyone who has been affected by the virus and sickness*
- \* *family of Dan Tinman, friend of congregation*
- \* *family Richard Long's twin brother*

## **Homebound and Care Facilities**

Nell Buff, *Home*  
Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*  
Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens*  
Lynwood Crout, *Home*  
Tom & June Roof, *Home*  
Margie Hook, *Home*  
Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*  
Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*  
Rev. Everette Price, *home*  
\*Doris Carver

## **Members in Special Need of Prayer**

Alberta Berry                      Parker Boulware                      Connie Bucknam  
Lila Catt                              Gene Schofield                      Jeff Bucknam, *deployed*

## **Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers**

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*  
Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*  
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*  
Chuck Backman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*  
Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*  
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*  
Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam*  
Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*  
Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*  
Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb & Connie Bucknam*  
Mary Frances Hamilton, *friend of congregation*  
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*  
Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*  
Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*  
Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*  
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*  
Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*  
Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*  
Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*  
Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*  
Jane Park, *friend of Pastor Gina & Dion*  
Jean Wooten, *friend of Linda Waters-Hamilton*  
Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*  
Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*  
Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*  
Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*  
Iris House, *mother of Debbie Fulmer*



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### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Ronnie Fulmer, *President* Marion Leaphart, *Vice President*  
Robin Ellisor, *Secretary* Parker Boulware, *Treasurer*  
Annette Price, *Financial Secretary* Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

**10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom**

*If you participated in a previous Zoom Sunday School, you will automatically be sent a link each week. If you would like to join us, send an email to [PastorGinaMetze@gmail.com](mailto:PastorGinaMetze@gmail.com) and a link will be emailed to you.*

### Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Becky Koon & Jo Leach)

### Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Allison Swygert & Lynn Bouknight)

12:00 noon Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

### Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> *Pentecost Sunday*

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

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