SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY 21, 2023

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

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THE GATHERING

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. *Amen*.

God of cleansing and restoration,
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.

We turn to face the doors of the sanctuary. As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the altar.

HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



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pray to the Lord, let us

to the Lord. let us pray

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

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we

hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

- ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships to and from, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

35bBless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

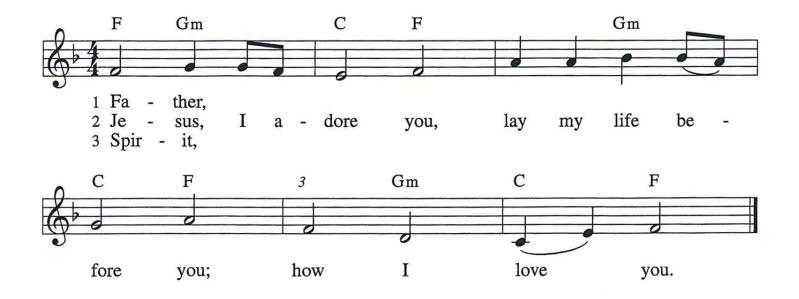
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Father, I Adore You
Coelho/CCLI #26557



GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

he 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.

LITTLE ONE'S TIME

your name

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

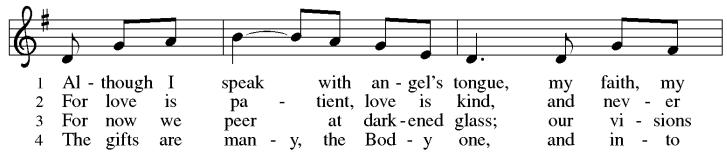
making your name known

We stand.

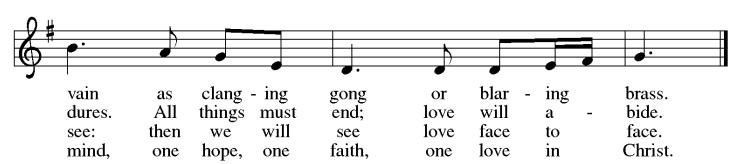
HYMN

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

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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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. *Amen.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

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.com and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Friendship pads have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

ANTHEM

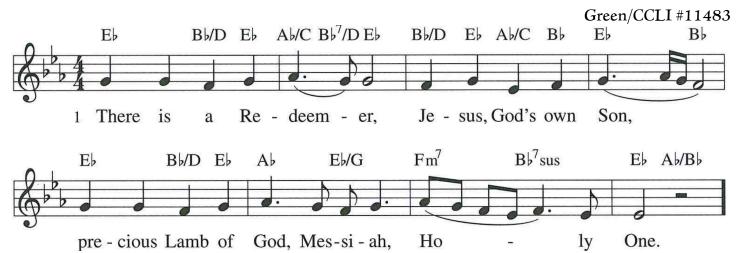
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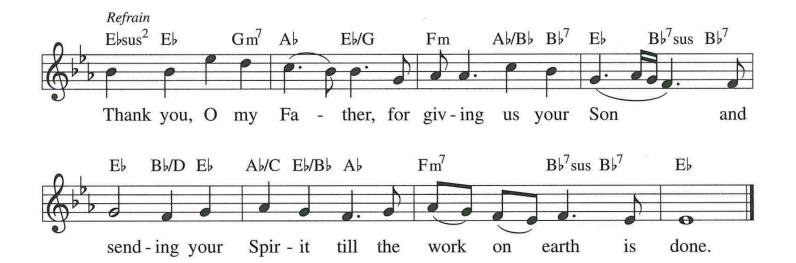
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We stand.

OFFERTORY

There is a Redeemer





OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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 at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

I Received the Living God

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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.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit

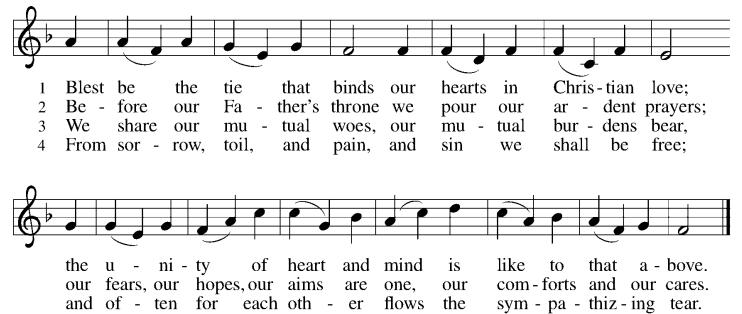
to live in the new creation. Amen.

HYMN

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

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all

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 altar flowers that beautify our sanctuary today are given in honor of Marie Kleckley and in memory of Melody McRae by Rose Little.



Today, we celebrate and welcome Joy Waters!

Joy Waters is the new Parish Administrator. She began work this week. Office hours will be Monday - Thursday 9:00am -1:00pm. Please stop by and give

her a warm, Mt. Hermon welcome! Her email address: Office@WeAreMtHermon.com and the office phone 803.794.6430. Thank you, Joy, for your willingness to be a servant of God here at Mt. Hermon.

Today at 11:30 Taste of Tanzania We have plenty of food and information to share. And we need your help with a project!

Cathy Milejczak, the coordinator for the church in Tanzania, will give a presentation on Tanzania. We will eat food which will be prepared as those in the village prepare the food. The meal will be rice, potatoes, beef, and fruit pies. Please plan to attend



the meal and presentation. We will also be presenting several projects for the congregation to be involved in when the group goes to Tanzania in July.

In the rear of the sanctuary is a listing of veterans who served our country. Please look over the list and add your beloved veteran to the list. Note the list is by branch of the military.

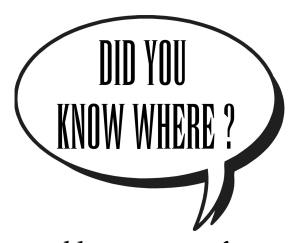




Join us on Friday evenings for Movies on the Mount. Bring your dinner and eat at the church beginning at 6:00. The movie will begin at 7:00. We will be watching and discussing Season 2 of the Chosen. Bring your comfortable chair if you wish.



The AED – defibrillator is kept in the stairwell. It is on the wall one story under the entrance to the sanctuary. An AED is an aide used in CPR. Please familiarize yourself where the AED is kept at Mt. Hermon and other places where you might



frequent. Your ability to get to the AED and bring it to a first responder, could be the key to saving someone's life.





TITHES AND OFFERINGS

05/14/2023 Sunday School=25

In-person Worship 122 + Live Stream Worship 91 = 213

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,627.72
Building Fund	Received	\$877.19
Building Improvement	Received	\$1,680.00

Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of **Becky Koon** by Joann and Mitchell Sherman, Susan Miller, Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Jeff & Alyson Price, Tommy & Kelli Mills, Robin Ellisor, Amy Taylor, Ken & Michelle Meyer, Robert E Malpass

In memory of Lindbergh Chandler by Carl & Myra

Addition to the Mother's Day Dedication Bulletin

- ♥ In loving honor of Kay King, Sheila Eargle, Amy King, Caylee King by Francis & Joanne Eargle
- ♥ In memory of Becky Koon by Joe, Mary, Joshua, and Sam



SERVING IN WORSHIP

	This Sunday	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	Teddy Koon	Kay Bryant	
	Joey Koon	Scarlett Bryant	
Greeter:	Joey Koon	Larry Amick	
Crucifer:	Sam Koon	Tanner Addy	
Acolyte:	Dylan Whitaker	Adelaide Bryant	
Lector:	Sheila Eargle	Larry Amick	
Communion Assts:	Sam Koon	Tanner Addy	
	Conner Eargle	Kay Bryant	
	Joey Koon	Larry Amick	
	Mary Koon	Daryl Leigh Anthony	
	Josh Koon	Sherwood Garrett	
Nursery:	Leah Rawl	Audrey Jennings	
	Terri Ashley-Rawl	David Jennings	
	Brayden Morris	Brittany Allen	
Flowers:	Rose Little	Wynne & Mary Price	

SERVING IN MAY

COUNCIL REP: Sheila Starkey

ALTAR GUILD: Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease

TABULATORS: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Mike Rawl, Leah Rawl

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, Generations

Alberta Berry, home

Nell Buff, NHC

Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place

Bobby & Doris Carver, Presby Home

Eldon Eargle, home

James Hallman, Lakeside Place Jean Shealy, Lakeside Place

Tom Roof, home

Cyndi Thurman, home

Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Pastor Derald Edwards, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Easton Donaldson

*Georgianna Gray

Jimmy Maddox Jane Sexton

Dot Mathias Gene Schofield

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

David Hydrick, family of Angie Hydrick

Bob Eastwood, brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley

Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller

Lewis Turner, friend of Jo Leach

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott

Stan Weber, husband of Debi Weber

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

Josh Jackson, friend of Joel Price, Jr.

Brannon Yonce, friend of Michelle Gantt

Jean Boswell, stepmother of Michelle Gantt

Greg Cantrell, friend of David & Audrey Whitaker-Jennings

Logan Wittwer, friend of Jessica Goodwin & Cameron Blakely

Paul Garner, friend of Robert Haygood

Debbie Browning, Sister of Donna Kirkpatrick

Mr. & Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr., friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Jaimie Womack, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

Dale Miller, son-in-law Wynne and Mary Price

Steven & Dee Howell, friends of Kathy Whitaker

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Martha Eastwood, sister of Marie Kleckley

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Mike Ondera, friend of Sherwood Garrett

Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy

Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy

Jeff Tarlton, friend of Michelle Gantt

Pat Jackson, mother of Frankie Jackson

Allison Limatainen, niece of Sheila Starkey

Carleton Morse, father of Cyndi Leaphart

*Roque Cosme, father of Alex Bowers
*Martha Williamson, sister of Frank Bouknight

Please note that this prayer list will be updated soon and those who you wish to remain on the list, please send an email to office@
WeAreMtHermon.com

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NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, May 28th - Pentecost

9:00 am Worship (Wear Red)

10:30 am Sunday School

11:15 am Children's Choir

Monday, May 22nd

6:30 pm CR: Worship Team

Monday, May 29th ~ Memorial Day

7:00 pm Community Memorial Day Worship

Tuesday, May 30th

6:30 pm Bod of God

Wednesday, May 31st

9:00 am Food Pantry (Dave & Debra Butts)

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

6:30 pm Choir

Friday, June 2nd

6:00/7:00 pm Movies on the Mount – End of Season #2

Saturday, June 3rd

8:00 am Mt Hermon Movers (Lake Murray Dam)

9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts and Carrolls)



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Frankie Jackson, Vice President Parker Boulware, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

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9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:15 am Children's Choir

11:30 am Tanzania Luncheon

5:00 pm Youth Meets

Monday, May 22nd

6:30 pm CR: Worship Team

Tuesday, May 23rd

6:30 pm FH: Bod for God

6:30 pm CR: Support Team

Wednesday, May 24th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Bonnie and Frank Bouknight,

Andrea Bowers)

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

12:05 pm OneBody in Christ

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25th

6:30 pm FH: Oakwood Commons HOA

Friday, May 26th

6:00/7:00 pm Movies on the Mount

Saturday, May 27th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Melanie and Frank Jackson,

Katie Donaldson)