

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

~Jesus

**MAY 25, 2025**

# **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 leave all that which might be a distraction from worship at the doors this day and we prepare our hearts for worship.

Peace be with you. ***Amen.***

## **PRELUDE**

*The Power of Your Love*

Bullock/CCLI#917491

## **THE GATHERING**

*We stand and face the baptismal font.*

In the name of ✝ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.  
***Amen.***

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
***We give you thanks for the baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Loving One,  
make us one as you are one.***

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
That our every day is shaped by these waters  
That give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
***Amen.***

*We turn to the doors of the sanctuary to acknowledge the cross.  
Please turn to the altar as the cross passes your pew.*

## HYMN

## *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

North American Traditional/CCLI #28263



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?

3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

## 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.***

# KYRIE

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

***Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit, we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9-15

*A reading from Acts.*

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have

judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of God for the people of God.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## **PSALM 67**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

***<sup>2</sup> Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.***

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

***<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the people with equity  
and guide all the nations on earth.***

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

***<sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.***

<sup>7</sup> My God give us blessing,  
and may all the end of the earth stand in awe.

## **REVELATION 21:10,22-22:5**

*A reading from Revelation.*

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on

it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

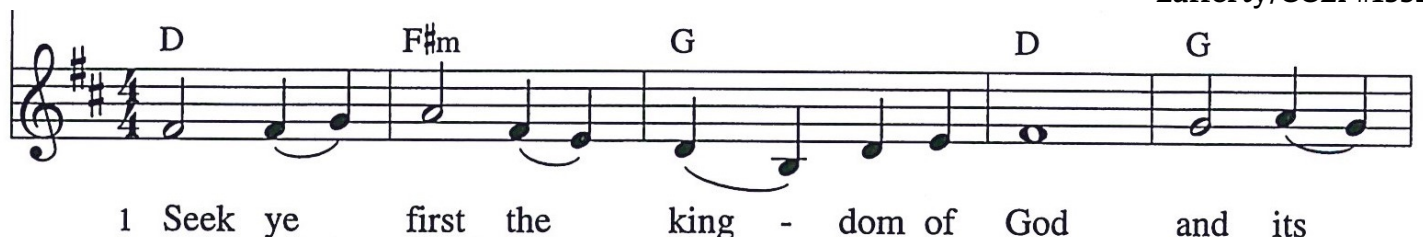
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***Thanks be to God.***

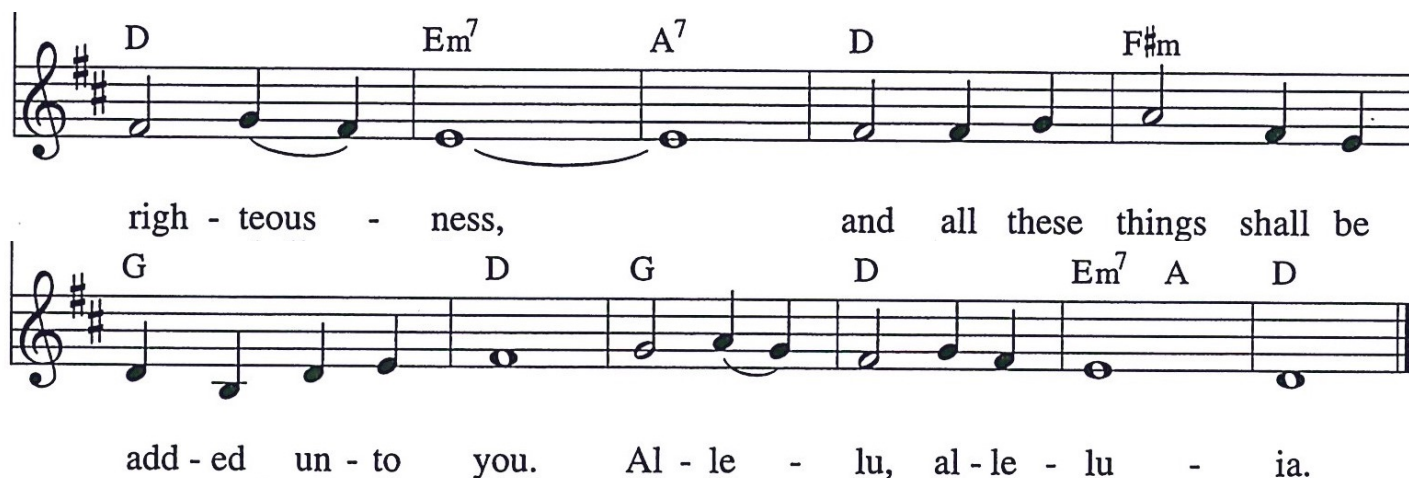
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## *Seek Ye First*

Lafferty/CCLI #1352







*We stand.*

## **HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

*The holy gospel according to St. John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

<sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*end of school*

### 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

*while I am still with you*

*We stand.*

### HYMN

***Sing twice***

### *Cares Chorus*

Willard/CCLI #25974

The musical score for 'Cares Chorus' is written in 3/4 time on a single treble clef staff. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. Chords are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: 'I cast all my cares up-on you; I lay all of my bur - dens down at your feet. And an - y - time that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares up - on you.'

Chords: C, G/B, Am, CM<sup>7</sup>/G, F, C/E, Dm, G<sup>sus</sup>, G, C, G/B, C/B<sup>b</sup>, F/A, Fm/A<sup>b</sup>, C<sup>2</sup>/G, C/G, G<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, G<sup>7</sup>, F/C, C.

### 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**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Hear us, O God...***your mercy is great***

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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.org](http://www.WeAreMtHermon.org) 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

### *Don't Let Your Heart Be Troubled*

McVicker/CCLI #3976315

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

### *Create in Me in a Clean Heart*

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

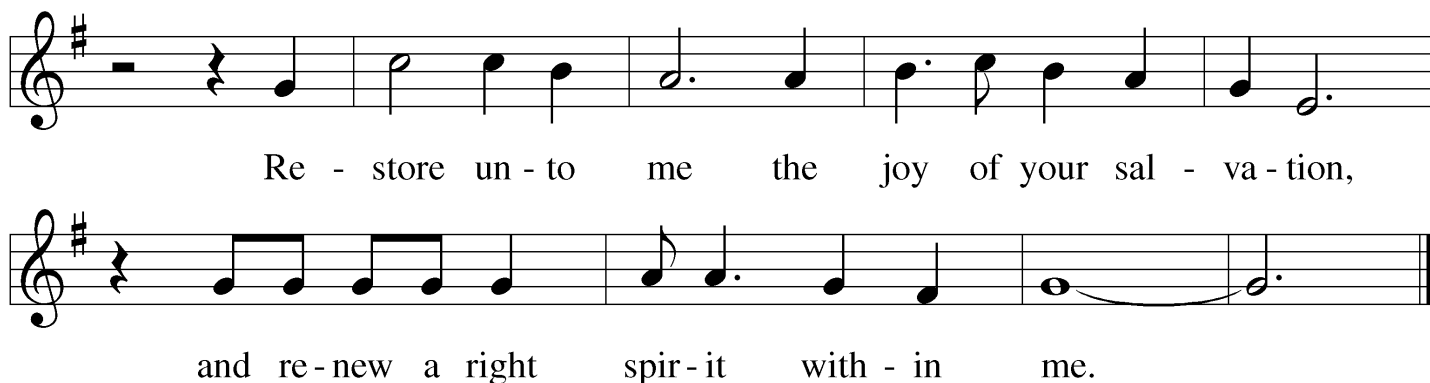
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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.



## OFFERING PRAYER

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

***Risen One,***

***you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.***

***Come among us again,***

***breathe your life into us,***

***and enliven us with this meal,***

***that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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...

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.***

God, our great provider, the bread of life nourishes and sustains us. Send the Spirit to fill this bread and wine.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

This meal fills your people with your abundant mercy and draws us closer to you and with one another. We long to be filled with your bread. Strengthen us in your presence.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

We worship and adore you. We fall at your feet to be near you. Show us your great power and assure us of your mighty presence. ***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**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*We sit.*

## **COMMUNION**

*Please come forward using the side aisles to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second chalice of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the center aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. If this is the first Sunday of the month, we also offer communion at the rail. On this Sunday, you may continue through the side doors and an usher will guide you to the altar to receive communion.*

## **MUSIC**

*Communion Medley*

Price

## **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.*

***Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.***

*Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world. Amen.*

## **THE SENDING**

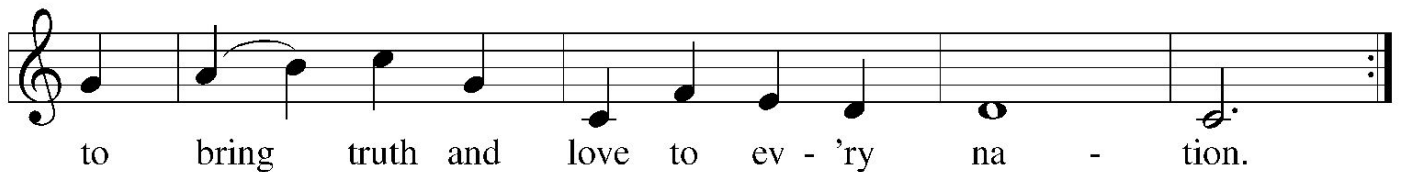
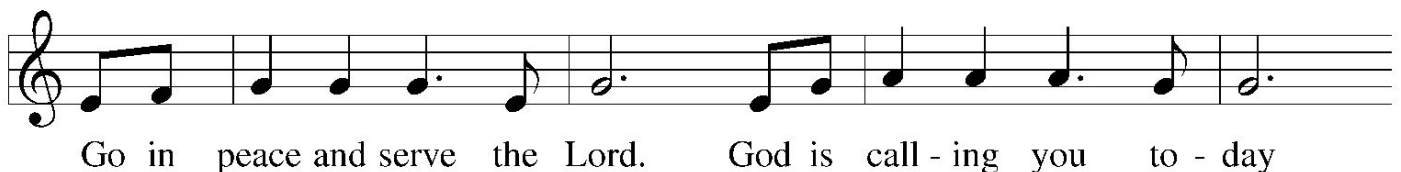
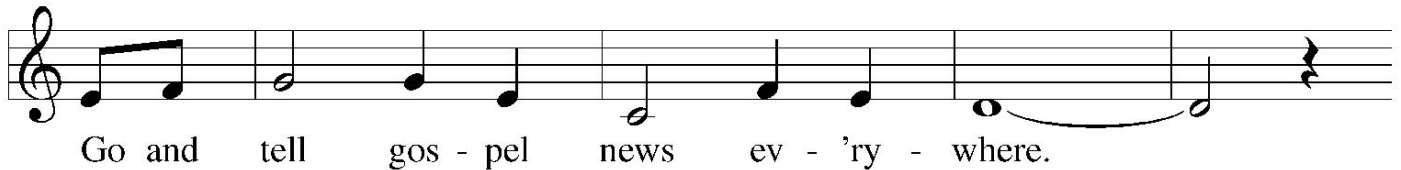
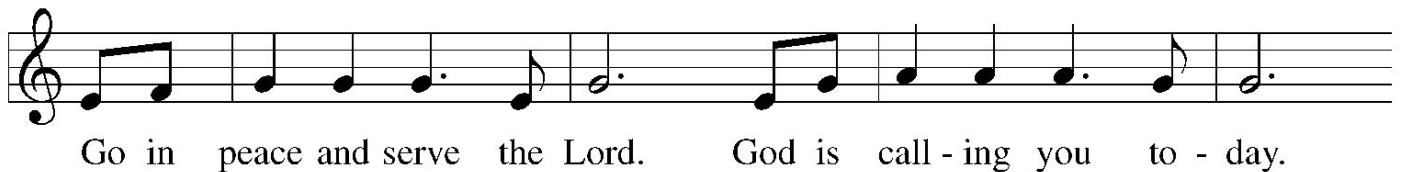
### **BLESSING**

The triune God, Who was, Who is and Who is to come,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
Light your way with resurrection dawn,  
Now and always. *Amen.*

### **HYMN**

### *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord*

Hanson/CCLI #791253





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

## SENDING

## *The Blessing*

*Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007*

The Lord bless you — and keep you,  
make his face shine — up - on — you and be gra - cious — to you.  
The Lord turn his — face toward you and give you peace. .  
— A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. D.C. || D.S. |  
-men, a — men. — men.

*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.

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.***

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in his blessing on our 54 years of marriage we celebrate May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hoping we have many more to share with all of you by Ronnie and Debbie Fulmer.



### Honoring Our Brave Heroes! Community Memorial Day Concert with the **Mastersingers**

May 26, 2025 6:00 pm

Mt Hermon

3011 Leaphart Rd

West Columbia, SC



Join us for a community memorial service as we remember those who gave their lives for our country. Let us honor their sacrifice and celebrate their legacy together.

Please find your way to the wall outside of the church office. Please initial next to your photograph if you are ok using that photo in the directory. If you would like to submit another/newer photo, please send to [office@WeAreMtHermon.com](mailto:office@WeAreMtHermon.com) at your earliest convenience.





Outdoor Worship  
Sunday, June 22  
10:00 am  
Cookout to follow  
Kick-off to VBS

Please make a note of the time change for this outdoor worship!  
A cookout will follow worship as well as some special events as  
this kicks off VBS 2025



# TITHES AND OFFERINGS

05/18/2025

9:00 worship 131 + live stream 121 = 252

<b>Current &amp; Benevolent</b>	Received	\$4,079.18
<b>Building Fund</b>	Received	\$895.00
<b>Building Improvement</b>	Received	\$100.00

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of Bobby Carver by Linda Waters-Hamilton, Carl & Myra Kinard

In memory of Francis Eargle by Angie Hydrick.

We livestream each week to Facebook. Did you also know that we also livestream to YouTube? Like us on Facebook and subscribe on YouTube



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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Herb Bucknam	Dan Cooper
	Kirby Johnson	Ronnie Fulmer
Crucifer:	Cameron Bucknam	Hayes Wingard
Acolyte:	Brayden Johnson	Hayden Eargle
Lector:	Jim Whitaker	Ronnie Fulmer
Communion Assts:	Kirby Johnson	Ronnie Fulmer
	Cameron Bucknam	Hayden Eargle
	David Marsh	Susan Busby
	Scottie Marsh	Marion & Cyndi Leaphart
	Brayden Johnson	Kathy Cooper Sheila Eargle
Audio:	Brandon Donaldson	<b>OPEN</b>
Video:	Marie Gardner	Breanna Metze
Nursery:	Melanie Jackson	Kay Bryant
	Katie Donaldson	Larry Amick
Flowers:	The Fulmer Family	Daniel Coppens

### **SERVING IN MAY**

**COUNCIL REP:** Jerry Price

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jennifer Price

**TABULATORS:** Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

# MT HERMON PRAYS

*\*family of Francis Eargle*

## ***Continual Prayer***

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*  
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*  
Doris Carver, *Presby Home*  
Georgianna Gray, *home*  
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*  
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Gloria Mathias, *home*  
Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*  
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*  
Cyndi Thurman, *home*  
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

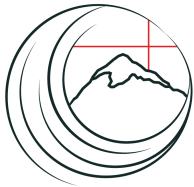
## ***Members in Special Need of Prayer***

Chris Carroll	Debbie Duval	Michelle Gantt
Joye Haygood	Frankie Jackson	Dennis Thurman
Mary Frances Sease	Jim Whitaker	Wynne Price

## ***Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer***

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*  
Stetson Cooper, *grandson of Dan Cooper*  
Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*  
Dawn McIlwain-Merck,  
*friend of Robin Ellisor*  
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*  
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),  
*friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*  
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*  
Mrs. Cruz, *teacher of Abbey Carroll*  
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*  
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,  
*friends of Debra & Dave Butts*  
Sandra Watson,  
*aunt of Courtney Bucknam*  
Jaimie Womack,  
*friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Blase Rhine,  
*grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight*  
Cynthia Mallard,  
*friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan*  
Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*

Max Schronce,  
*friend of the David & Scottie Marsh*  
Faye McCartha, *mother of Debra Butts*  
Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller*  
Bill Geddings, *father of Allison Swygert*  
Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt*  
Joyce Davis,  
*grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*  
Will & Summer Satcher,  
*friend of Courtney Bucknam*  
Dorothy Collins, *friend of Ryan Price*  
Lauren Addy,  
*friend of Kathy Cooper and Metz*  
Sam Lockridge, *friend of Scottie Marsh*  
Mary Duffie, *mother of Alyson Price*  
Thelma Moyer, *mother of Diane Boulware*  
Kaiden Howell,  
*friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik*  
Randy Stonehill, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer*  
Linda Bennett, *mother of Beth Jordan*  
Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher  
Linda Starkey,  
*sister-in-law of Sheila Starkey*  
Singley & Parisano families,  
*friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper*



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### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Terry Swygert, *President*

Sheila Eargle, *Secretary*

Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, *Financial Secretary*

*Ronnie Fulmer, Vice President*

Frank Bouknight, *Treasurer*

Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

2:00 pm Porch Visits

### Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Memorial Day Service

7:00 pm Reception in Fellowship Hall

Noon June/July newsletter information needed

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

6:30 pm CR: Support Team

6:30 pm Life Group at the Jacksons

### Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry

(David & Debra Butts, Rick & Debbie Duval)

12:05 pm FH: OneBody in Christ

### Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Friday & Saturday FH: Sheila Eargle

9:00 am Food Pantry (DJ Plummer & Youth)