

Traditional Service of Worship

Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2026

11:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Morning Song"

Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code at the bottom right of this bulletin.

INTROIT

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory

No. 98

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond by reading the bold text aloud)

Leader: In times of change, challenge, and new beginnings, we are not alone.

People: The risen Christ walks with us every step of the way.

Leader: Today we celebrate our Risen Lord who leads us through new beginnings.

People: Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

Leader: When the future feels unclear, Christ still leads us forward.

People: Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Let no one be a stranger in the house of God. Please greet those around you.

*HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised (verse 1)

No. 396

*Congregation, please stand.

SCRIPTURE

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Joshua 1:7-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four and younger.

ANTHEM

Petite Gavotte

Ellie Waters, Flute

Handel

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Jeff Ackerman, Oboe and Chancel Choir

Rutter

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

No. 95

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head.
He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.
He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.
He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

Duke Street

SCRIPTURE

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

John 14:1-6a

SERMON:

"Resurrection in Real Life: Knowing The Way"

Rev. Emily Knight

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

When We All Get to Heaven

No. 701

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Darwall

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Worship Attendance - May 10, 2026

Contemporary Worship - In-person	75
Contemporary Worship- Online	3
Traditional Worship - In-person	138
Traditional Worship - Online	7
Total Worship	223

Serving in Worship Today

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

Nursery Helper: Shirley Davis

Greeters: Jeff & Sharon Joos

Tech Team: Danny & Judy Marks

11 a.m. Traditional Service

Nursery Helper: Shirley Davis

Greeters: Karen Fleming, Susan Siegel

Tech Team: Kaitlyn Fuller, Noah Thurgood

Usher: Brittany Bruce

Liturgist: Corky Thomas

Crucifer: Ellie Waters

Acolyte: DJ Flagler, EJ Waters

What's Happening This Week?

CALENDAR TODAY:

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. (Room 202 & 204)

Youth Group: 10:00 a.m. (Room 302)

Kids Club: 10:00 a.m. (Room 402)

Kids Choir: 10:30 a.m. (Room 403)

Chancel Ringers: 5:00 p.m. (Room 201)

Book Study: 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Board of Trustees Meeting: Monday at 6:00 p.m. (Library)

Tai Chi: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Finance Committee Meeting: Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. (Library)

Church Council Meeting: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (Library)

WNM Team Meeting: Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Night Ministry: Wed. at 5:30 p.m. (McCord Building)

Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (Room 501)

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Meals Served Last Week: 141

Digital Connect Card

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CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Resurrection in Real Life

May 17, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Gather with Song

Lion & The Lamb - Bethel Music
Welcome!

Scripture

Joshua 1:7-9
King of My Heart - McMillan

Greet one another in Christ!

Build My Life - Pat Barrett

Children's Message

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Announcements

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Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offer Gifts to God

I Surrender - Matt Crocker

Proclaim God's Word

John 14:1-6a
"Resurrection in Real Life: Knowing the Way"
Rev. Emily Knight

Benediction and Sending

I Will Follow - Chris Tomlin

THIS WEEK

Trustees: Mon, May 18 @ 6 p.m.
Finance: Tues, May 19 @ 4 p.m.
Church Council: Tues, May 19 @ 6 p.m.

NE District Shared Mission:



Virtual Trip to Rwanda via ZOOM
Meet our Group of Children & Youth
Tuesday, May 26th at 9am

Scan the QR Code to
Learn More & Pray
for our Zoe Empowers Group:



5th Sunday Breakfast (Continental)

May 31st @ 10am in the Fellowship Hall
(hosted by UMM)

CLOSED

The church office will be
closed on Monday, May 25
for the Memorial Day
Holiday.



HOW
Sweet
THE SOUND

a concert featuring our
Chancel Choir & Chancel Ringers

Sunday, May 31, 2026 ~ 4:00 p.m.

After-Concert Dinner

May 31st | 5:30 p.m. | Rhames Fellowship Hall
Space is Limited - \$8 suggested donation
Tickets available now at the welcome table

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