

ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast ~ Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Blessed be the Lord God, through whom all things came to be,**

People: **I will sing praise to God all the days of my life.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Father, who knows all things, we enter this day with thanksgiving and praise. Your love exceeds all expectations. Your patience provides us with joy and life everlasting. We celebrate this day the many gifts You have given us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 268 "*Crown Him with Many Crowns*" DIDEMATA

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and merciful God, we stand before You today a humble people, aware of our shortcomings. We strive with all we have to be faithful followers of the risen Christ. Yet, life offers choices that seem more beneficial than taking the high ground. We sometimes choose to follow what glitters in secular life, to go along with the crowd just to get along, to do what feels good rather than what is right. We yearn to be true to our faith, but find it hard. Forgive our weakness in the face of temptation. Gird us with a new resolve to be Christlike in all our actions. (Say – "**Please pray silently,**" and after about 20 seconds, say, In Jesus' name, Amen.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

You may be seated

A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION In Your wisdom, O Lord, open our minds and hearts to hear and understand Your word today. Grant us wisdom and discernment to listen for Your call on our lives in this difficult time. We ask these things in Christ's name, Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 47 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **Clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

People: **For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: **He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.**

People: **He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Leader: **God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.,**

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: **For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.**

People: **God is king over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.**

Leader: **The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.**

People: **For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from Acts 1:1-11, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 117 of the New Testament

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: "Glorify Thy Name" arr. Fetke and Grassi

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 24:44-53 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 91 of the New Testament

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 260 “*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*” HYPRYDOL

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” 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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, we gather today, surrounded by the many gifts You have given us. We live amongst friends, family, and greater wealth than many generations ever knew. We return a portion of this to be used for the glory of Your kingdom. Use our lives and our gifts to take the word of salvation to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 829 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* OLIVET

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 80 *“You Shall Go Out with Joy”* THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group - Bible study

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Cecil Nash has been suffering with possible allergies

Pat Nash has bronchitis

Nina had surgery on 4 hernias, please pray for a speedy recovery

Jessica Zinn is very sad because her beloved cat died

Bryan Booth has been diagnosed with Addison's disease

Makia and Mireille are happy to be here, but are asking for prayers

CELEBRATIONS

Alice Ann is recovering from hip replacement surgery

Pat is celebrating the job Joe and Russel did re-striping the parking lot – it looks great

Spencer sang a solo at his concert

Spencer graduated May 16 from SMU