

# Sunday Worship

May 5, 2024, 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Love One Another

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Resurrection Morn" Henry Balcomb

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

\*Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Psalm 25 Leader

Leader: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

People: **Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.**

Leader: Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

People: **Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

Leader: Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.

People: **O guard my life, and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.**

Leader: May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

People: **Redeem Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.**

\*Opening Hymn "I Come With Joy" UMH #617  
(v.1,3,4)

\*Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader  
Holy Jesus, thank you for another day to be with you, and the church family that you have blessed us with. Before we approach your throne, may we take a moment to prune, and confess our sins. For those moments this week, and even this morning, we confess that we failed to walk in the light of your path. Forgive us Lord, and allow us to follow your commandments and now approach you as a friend. We thank you for your grace. Open our minds and our hearts to your Word today. In your name we pray. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "A New Commandment" David Schwoebel

A Time for Children of All Ages

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [1 John 5:1-6](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*Gospel Lesson: [John 15:12-17](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Super Conquerors" Pastor Chuck

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "The Summons" TFWS #2130  
(v. 1,3,4,5)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts

\*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy God, we thank you for your friendship, and for weaving us into your family. You remind us that by loving those in our family, that we will *bear fruit, fruit that will last*. Today, may our love for those receiving these gifts bear *much fruit* so that You may be glorified. Have your way, Lord, have your way. We pray this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\***Sending Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526  
(v. 1-3)

\***Benediction**

\***Benediction Response** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" UMH #557  
(v. 1)

Postlude

*Today's fellowship time is in honor of our  
CROP Walkers and Donors*

### Coming Up:

**May 12th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - "The Ascension of Jesus"** Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to hear how Jesus passed the baton to us, his disciples, before ascending into heaven ([Acts 1:1-11](#)) Going up?!?

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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***