

*Order of Worship*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 11, 2025—11 a.m.*

“Enter to worship. Depart to serve.”

Our worship service is broadcast on the radio each Sunday morning at  
8:00 AM on KELB, 100.5 FM

MUSICAL OFFERING Kennedy Anderson  
(This time should be used for meditation and preparation for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Weldon Bares

**CHIMES**

PRELUDE “Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts” Robert J. Ward  
Asbury Ringers

CHORAL INTROIT **WB 1**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Come, God gathers us for worship,  
**Response: like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.**  
Pastor: Our God is loving and nurturing.  
**Response: God saves and supports us,**  
**teaching us the way we should go.**  
Pastor: Trusting in God,  
**Response: we offer our praise for His many blessings!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today,  
we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and  
spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy,  
strength, and love. May they feel deeply appreciated and  
honored not just today, but every day. Amen**

\*OPENING HYMN “How Great Thou Art” No. 77

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ann Courville

HYMN “The Gift of Love” No. 408

\*PSALTER Psalm 23 No. 754  
Response 2 Rev. Steffanie Pace

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER **2119**

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Weldon Bares

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE READING

II Timothy 1: 1-7  
*Pew Bible, Page 211*  
Rev. Steffanie Pace

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “A Godly Woman” Rev. Weldon Bares

MOTHER’S DAY LITANY *see bulletin insert*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed No. 881  
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 No. 70  
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.

OFFERING (Please scan QR code to give online)



ANTHEM “Thine is the Glory” Bill Ingram  
Asbury Ringers

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” No. 95

\*CLOSING HYMN “Happy the Home When God Is There” No. 445

\*CHORAL AMEN

\*BENEDICTION

**CHIMES**

\*POSTLUDE Variation on “The Gift of Love” Janet Linker

\*Please stand if able.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Listening Devices** If you are having difficulty hearing any part of the service, we have listening devices available for you to use. They are located in the Narthex and are sanitized between each use. Paxton Hall.

**"A Pastor's Reflection"** Rev. Weldon has published 140 of his favorite columns for "A Pastor's Reflection." The book is available for purchase in the church office and on Amazon.

**Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study** Rev. Weldon continues "Thursdays with Thessalonians" Bible Study each Thursday in May at 12:00 noon in Paxton Hall. Everyone is invited and you don't have to attend all the studies to participate. Please bring a sack lunch.

**Faith of a Mockingbird Bible Study** "Faith of a Mockingbird" Bible Study will be led by Rev. Steffanie and will be May 7-28 and will meet at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm in Room 109.

**Mother's Day Slideshow** In celebration of Mother's Day, we will present our annual Mother's Day Slideshow after our 9:00 am service in the Worship Center and after the 11:00 am service in Paxton Hall.

**Germany 2026** The Chancel Choir is taking a trip to Germany in June 2026! If you are a music lover and are interested in joining us, or would like to support us financially, contact Emmie or the church office for more info.

**Astros Trip** Our Houston Astros Road Trip will be Saturday, May 24. We will leave for Houston at 9 am on a charter bus with a lunch stop at Buc-ee's. Sign up by calling the church office. Tickets are \$115/person. We have 12 tickets left.

**Youth Lock-In** Our Youth will have a lock-in on Friday, May 23. Dropoff will be at 6:00 pm and pickup will be Saturday morning at 6:00 am. All youth ages 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited for dinner, games, worship, movies and fellowship. Bring a friend!

**Registration for Vacation Bible School** is open. Please use the QR code to submit your child's registration. VBS will be June 2-6. You may also call the church office at 337-436-6656.



**Pipes & Pizza** Pipes & Pizza, sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, will be Saturday, May 31. This event is open to keyboard students and will begin at 10:00 AM at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and will end at First United Methodist Church with a pizza lunch.

**Collection Corner** We have many opportunities for donations at our church. Our collection table outside Paxton Hall is now accepting Community Coffee labels for Kaufman Elementary, peanut butter and jelly for Faith and Friends Food Pantry, mosquito spray, wipes, and blessing bags for our Homeless Ministry. Thank you for supporting our local community!

**Vacation Bible School Decorations-** Please sign up on the sheet outside of Paxton Hall to lend your Christmas Trees and other props for VBS. Drop off will be May 28-30. For questions, or to coordinate drop off, contact Wendy Kramer (337)515-4892.

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