

*Order of Worship*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*April 28, 2024—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 Vocal Quartet  
Josh Noyola, Jacob Voisin, Jacob St.Mary, Juan Campos  
(This time should be used for meditation and preparation for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Weldon Bares

### CHIMES

PRELUDE “Great is Thy Faithfulness  
with JS Bach’s Prelude in C Major” arr. Mark Hayes  
Piano Solo by Michelle Mercer

CHORAL INTROIT WB 9

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus prayed for his disciples,  
**Response: giving them into God’s care.**  
Pastor: Jesus prays for us,  
**Response: giving us into God’s care.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**God, we are thankful that we are able to gather in person and on-line to offer you our praise. We give thanks for the strength you provide. We rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Thank you for guiding us by your Word and Spirit to walk in the path that leads to life. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN “All Creatures of our God and King” No. 62

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ann Courville

HYMN “I Need Thee Every Hour” No. 397

\*PSALTER Psalm 22 Response 2 Verses 1-5 No. 752  
Rev. Mel Yorks

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER 420 vs. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Steffanie Pace

#### 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.**

\*THE SCRIPTURE READING John 17:20-26  
Rev. Steffanie Pace

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

SERMON “The Prayer that Jesus Prayed For Us” Rev. Weldon Bares

\*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. Amen.**

#### OFFERING

ANTHEM “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Robert Hunter

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

\*CLOSING HYMN “They’ll Know We Are Christians” see insert

#### \*BENEDICTION

### CHIMES

\*POSTLUDE “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”  
Mark Hayes arr. Marvin Gaspard

\*Please stand if able.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Text in Church:** Don't forget to check in today and every Sunday via "Text in Church". If you have not connected before, text "CONNECT" to 217-247-1263. After connecting, text "HERE" to register attendance, "GIVE" to submit an offering, and "PRAY" to submit a prayer request.

**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.

**Blood Drive:** LifeShare Blood Center is here today from 9am to 1pm! The bus will be located in the parking lot near the First Methodist School.

**New Bible Study:** Rev. Steffanie will be leading a study on Sandra Richter's "Jonah" starting May 1. The study will be on Wednesdays at both 10am and 6pm in Room 109. All are welcome!

**Day of Prayer:** Thursday, May 2. Stop by the Worship Center anytime between 9am and 3pm to pray for as little or as long as you would like.

**The General Conference of the United Methodist Church** is meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina from April 23 to May 3. Let's pray for our General Conference during this time. On Sunday, May 5, at 10 AM in the Worship Center, Rev. Weldon will present an informational recap of the conference. Everyone is invited.

**Parent Night Out:** Friday, May 10 from 5:30- 9 pm. This is the perfect opportunity for parents to enjoy an evening off while your kids have a blast. Please sign up on forms located outside the Worship Center and Paxton Hall.

**Mother's Day Pictures:** Please send in pictures to celebrate Mother's Day. We will have a slideshow after our 9 am service on Sunday, May 12th. Please email your pictures (with each mother's full name) to [marykathryn.norman@fumclc.org](mailto:marykathryn.norman@fumclc.org).

**Vacation Bible School - July 8-12** Registration is now open for this year's VBS. See the front page of our website for more information.

**Ladies' Lunch and Learn:** Rev. Weldon will be leading a 3-week study on the book of James at Cousin's on Thursdays, May 16, 23 & 30 at noon. The cost of the meal is \$25 per person. Please sign up on the forms located outside the Worship Center and Paxton hall or by calling the church office.

**Astros Road Trip:** Saturday, June 1—Astros vs. Twins! We will charter a bus for the trip. Please sign up to reserve your spot.

**Collection Corner:** We have many opportunities for donations at FUMCLC. 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, hand wipes, and blessing bags for our Homeless Ministry. Thank you for supporting our local community!



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...SINCE 1871  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

The Prayer  
that Jesus  
Prayed  
For Us

John 17: 20-26



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