

# celebration of christian worship

## GATHER...TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace Dr. Leonard Ezell

Invitation to Worship Dr. Ezell

Prelude *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* arr. John Carter  
Melvin Hale, organ

\*Call to Worship Layla Battley, Caelyn Blackwell  
Jinxin Fu, and Hutton Stiller

**Leader 1:** Come and hear, all you who fear God, and we will tell what God has done for us.

**Leader 2:** God is the Sovereign of heaven and earth, maker of this world and all within it.

**Leader 3:** God has given to all mortals life and breath and every blessing.

**Leader 4:** Bless our God, O peoples! Let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**People:** **Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God!**

\*Hymn #281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER  
(vss. 1, 3 & 4)

\*Invocation Dr. Alissa Rowe

## GATHER...TO WELCOME THE CHILDREN

*The children are invited forward for the children's sermon.*

Hymn #603 *Jesus Loves Me* CHINA

Children's Sermon Bobby Rayburn

Choral Praise *Prayer of St. Francis* Allen Pote  
Jinxin Fu, choral intern conductor

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## GATHER...TO OFFER OUR GIFTS WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer Nora Abat

Offertory *The Gift of Love* by John Carter  
Melvin Hale, organ

\*Response Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH, alt.

**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.**

## GATHER...TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Scripture Acts 17:22-31 Dr. Ezell

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Reflection #679 *O for a Closer Walk with God* AVON  
(vss. 1 & 5)

Sermon *Explaining God* Dr. Ezell

## DEPART...TO SERVE

\*Hymn of Response #215 *Rejoice the Lord is King* DARWELL

\*Announcements Bobby Rayburn

\*Benediction

Leader: Wherever we are, we are in God.

**Congregation: Wherever we are, we are in Christ, and Christ is in us.**

Leader: Wherever we are, the Spirit abides with us and in us.

**Congregation: We go forth in peace and hope, upheld by God in every way.**

Leader: Let us go forth in faithfulness and trust.

**Congregation: May all see the Divine in and through us.**

\*Postlude *Before the Throne of God* arr. Bruce Greer  
Melvin Hale, organ

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

# ministry opportunities

## Sunday, May 10

8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service

## Tuesday, May 12

9:30 A Yoga  
10:00 A Quilting

## Wednesday, May 13

10:00 A God Said What?  
6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 15

9:30 A Yoga  
11:30 A LLL Crawfish Boil

## Saturday, May 16

10:30 A Top Golf Event

## Sunday, May 17

8:30 A Common Grounds Café Opens  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service

**In Reach Committee Need...**The In Reach Committee is in need of a member or members to help encourage church members who cannot be physically present for worship. If you are interested in sending cards to 5-6 members once a month, please call Florence Davis, 225-802-9405.

**LLL Crawfish Boil...**Friday, May 15, 11:30 AM Annual crawfish or jambalaya with root beer floats for dessert in the church activities hall. The cost is \$10. Sign up in church office. Let us know if you prefer crawfish or jambalaya.

**Churchwide Top Golf...**Saturday, May, 16, 10:30 AM The BBC Recreation Committee will cover the cost to play. Individuals are responsible for food and beverage. Sign up in the church office.

**Children's Music, Drama, and Art Camp...**July 13-17, 9 AM-5 PM. Performance is July 17, 7 PM. For rising 1st-6th graders. First child is \$175, and \$125 per each additional child. To register either email the office at [office@broadmoorbaptist.com](mailto:office@broadmoorbaptist.com), or grab a form from the office.

**Southeast Ministries...**Our neighborhood food bank needs peanut butter and jelly.

**Together For Hope...**Together for Hope in Lake Providence needs baby wipes. If you would like to donate, please bring to the church office.

**Quarterly Statements...**Quarterly statements are available for pickup outside the sanctuary on the piano side.

**Church Council Luncheon...**Sunday, May 31, following worship. This includes all chairs of committees and councils, church staff, and Sabbatical team. A jambalaya lunch will be provided. Please let Dr. Ezell know if you will be attending.

**Books...**If you would like to see books that we are culling from the library, check them out following worship in room 103. Take what you would like.

**Summer Support Needed...** If you are available for leading a children's sermon; helping out around the office; visiting members in the hospital; working children/family activities; or providing a snack supper for the youth, please let the office know. There are a number of ways to help support the office and ministry staff this summer.

### How to Join BBC in Membership During Hymn of Response

1. Profession of Faith and Baptism
2. Statement of Faith and Affirmation of Baptism
3. Transfer of Letter of Membership

\*Questions? Contact Dr. Ezell or Rev. Rayburn

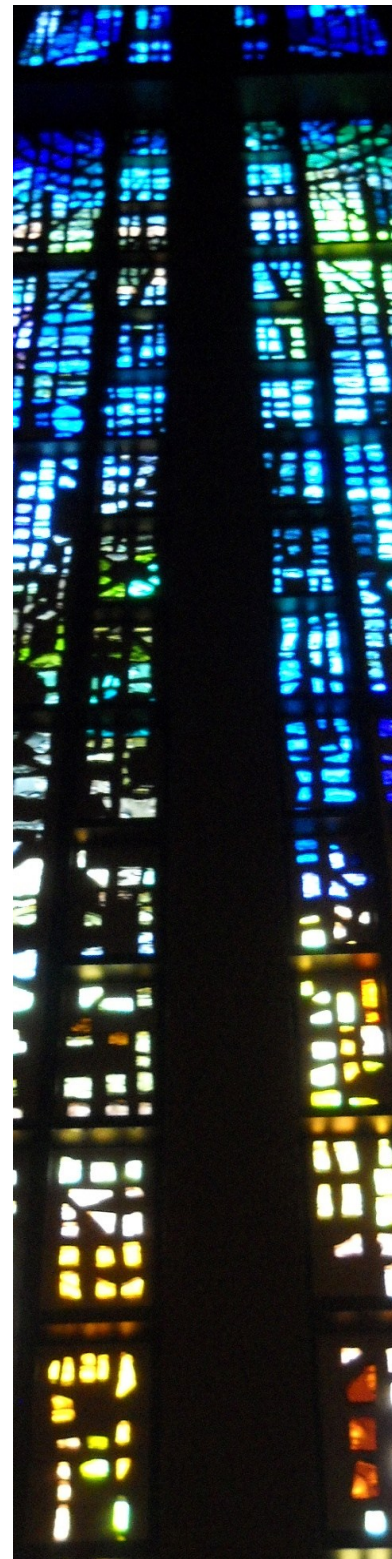
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*“For ‘In Him  
we live and move  
and have our being.’”*

Acts 17:28

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