celebration of christian worship

GATHER...TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Prelude Great Is Thy Faithfulness Joel Raney

Dr. Lori Bade, piano and Melvin Hale, organ

Sharing of the Peace and Welcome to Worship Dr. Leonard Ezell

*Call to Worship Kimber Barfield

Leader: We are the Easter people!

Congregation: We have witnessed the Resurrection of our Lord.

Leader: We are now called to be people of the Pentecost.

Congregation: We are called to boldly share the good news of God's love.

Leader: Open your hearts, O people, to God's great power and love.

Congregation: We open our hearts to hear God's word for us and to joyfully proclaim

Jesus Christ as our Savior. AMEN.

*Hymn #356 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer KRESMER

*Invocation Dr. Leonard Ezell

GATHER...WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

Hymn #603 Jesus Loves Me CHINA

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

Jesus loves me this I know! For the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Children's Sermon Bobby Rayburn

Children's Musical Offering

Choral Praise How Firm a Foundation arr. Benjamin Harlan Melvin Hale and Lori Bade, piano

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine." "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake. I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!" Amen.

GATHER...TO OFFER OUR GIFTS WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer Maggi Spurlock

Offertory Spirit Michael Burkhardt
Melvin Hale, organ

*Response Doxology #706 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 2:1-12 Lillian Duvall

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem Godfearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another. "What does this mean?"

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Reflection #184 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vs. 1 only) ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I humbly take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Sermon Your Language Spoken Here Dr. Ezell

DEPART...TO SERVE

*Announcements and Benediction Bobby Rayburn

*Postlude Toccata on "Foundation" Gordon Young
Melvin Hale, organ

*The congregation is invited to stand.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Peyton Coscino on her birthday by Ken Coscino.

Thank you to Scott Norton for leading worship while Dr. Alissa Rowe is away.

ministry opportunities

Sunday, June 8 **Common Grounds Café Opens** 8:30 A **Sunday School Worship Service** 10:30 A 4:00 P **Hebrew Class** 6:00 P Youth Monday, June 9 6:00 P **Trustee Meeting** Tuesday, June 10 9:30 A Yoga 10:00 A Quilting Wednesday, June 11 6:30 P **Choir Rehearsal** Thursday, June 12 6:00 P Kids activity, Game Night Bible Study 10:00 A Friday, June 13 9:30 A Yoga Saturday, June 14 **Youth Messy Activity** 5:00 P Sunday, June 15

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Sunday School

Worship Service

8:30 A

9:15 A

10:30 A



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Southeast Ministries...For the month of May Southeast Ministries is asking for donations of jelly and mac and cheese.

Diaper Drive...Together for Hope in Lake Providence is having a diaper drive. They are in need of diapers (new born-size 8); pull ups (2T-3T, 3T-4T, 4T-5T); wipes; tampons; pads; and pantie liners. If you would like to donate please bring to the church office.

Extended Session Volunteers...We are seeking volunteers to help with extended session on Sunday mornings during service to help care for and serve our small children. We need 1-2 volunteers each Sunday to serve on a rotational basis. Contact the office to sign up!

The Rise and Fall of Biblical Israel...Join us on Thursdays in Common Grounds Cafe from 10A-11A, for an eight-session series on the history of the rise and fall of biblical Israel. This video series will be led by Dr. Joel Baden, Professor of Hebrew Bible at Yale Divinity School. It is open to any and all interested but is also in conjunction with our current Bible Study on "How the Bible Was Made." For more information, please contact Dr. Ezell in the Church Office.

CBF General Assembly...June 24-26, St. Louis, Missouri. Cbf.net/assembly

LLL Spring 2026 Trip...LLL is trying to see if there is interest in going on a motorcoach trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum. We would go in the spring of 2026. Cost \$950. 10 meals: 6 breakfast and 4 dinners. 7-days 6-night. Office has brochures. If you might be interested, please let church office know. We will have a meeting in August to answer all your questions if enough interested.

Children and Families... Kids Nights at 6 P: June 12, June 19, July 10, July 12, July 17, July 24, July 31; Global Wildlife: August 2; Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks: August 3

Youth...Youth at 6 P: June 8, July 13, July 20, July 27; Passport Camp: June 29-July 5; Global Wildlife: August 2; Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks: August 3

Mark Your Calendar...July Family Gathering and Picinic: July 20 following worship. Sign up in the office. Cost: \$10

