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North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District

*Bringing Joy to the
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship and service to others.

COME SHARE THE JOY!

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The Weimar Altarpiece, painted for John Frederick of Saxony, was completed in 1555 by Lucas Cranach the Younger after the death of his father. It still occupies its original location at the high altar of the City Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Weimar. This triptych has been hailed as "the single most important visual monument of German Reformation."

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)
MAY 10, 2026**



Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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Prelude

You may use this time to prepare your heart for worship

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- We've started an Artists' Gathering, which includes drawing, painting, crafts, etc., every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall.
- Young at Heart luncheon is May 13th at 11:45 a.m. at Fable & Fire in Rockwall.
- Joy's Monthly Council Meeting is May 13th at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth Sunday School is winding down. Remaining dates are May 17th & 24th. The Youth will celebrate the upcoming summer break with a trip to Shenanigans on May 24th.
- Blaine Davis is leading our Worship May 17th at 10:30 am
- A potluck luncheon is scheduled after service on Sunday, May 17th.
- Family Movie Night - Friday, June 12th at 6:45 pm.
- Interested in becoming a member of Joy? Please contact Pastor Martin.
- Please remember to review the Blessing Board to volunteer for various ministries.

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.” (Psalm 96:9)

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL ~ “COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING” (Green P. 522)

Come, Thou Almighty King

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! Psalm 47:6

Text: Unknown, ca. 1757

Tune: Felice de Giardini 1716-1796



1
Come, thou al - might - ty King, Help us thy name ___ to sing;
Come, thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on thy might - y sword;
Come, ho - ly Com - for - ter, Thy sac - cred wit - ness bear
To thee, great One ___ in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es be

7
Help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
Our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, And give thy
In this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art. Now rule in
Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty May we in

12
to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Word suc - cess, And let thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.

Pastor (P): “In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Congregation (C): Amen

(P): “Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (C): Amen.

(P): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

(P): "Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another." ...

(P): Most merciful God,

(C): We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(P): In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

(C): Amen

GREETING

(P): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(C): And also with you.

KYRIE ~ (*Green, P. 78*)

(P): "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." **(C): Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord."

(C): Lord, have mercy.

(P): "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." **(C): Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord." (C): **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "THIS IS THE FEAST"



PASTORAL MEDIUM

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P): The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

(P): O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(C): Amen

Please be seated

HOLY WORD

(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song)

FIRST READING:

Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we are indeed his offspring.' ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

(R): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 66:7-18

⁷Bless our God, you peoples;*

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

⁸**Who holds our souls in life,***

and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹For you, O God, have proved us;*

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰**You brought us into the snare;***

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;*

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹²**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,***

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;*

I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁴**Come and listen, all you who fear God,***

and I will tell you what he has done for me.

¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth,*

and his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁶**If I had found evil in my heart,***

the LORD would not have heard me;

¹⁷But in truth God has heard me;*

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

¹⁸**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,***

nor withheld his love from me.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

(R): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "The Lord is in His ho - ly tem - ple: Let all the earth keep". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "si - lence be - fore Him: Keep si - lence, keep si - lence, Keep si - lence be - fore Him." The piano part includes dynamic markings: *P* (piano) and *Rall.* (rallentando).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(P): The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter.

(C): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

¹⁵{Jesus said,} “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

(P): The Gospel of the Lord.

(C): **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

HOMILY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHRIST’S VICTORY IS OUR VINDICATION

1. When unjust suffering comes upon you, remember the purpose of Christ’s suffering (1 Peter 3:13-15a, 17)
2. When a godless culture seems triumphant, remember the first Easter sermon was proclaimed by Christ Himself (1 Peter 3:18b-20)
3. When struggles against sin and suffering seem unproductive, remember your baptism (1 Peter 3:21-22)

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD" (Green, P. 534)

Now Thank We All Our God

Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Tune: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and
O may this boun - teous God, Through all our life be
All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be

4
voic - es, Who won - drous things has done, In whom his world re -
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to
giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est

8
joic - es; Who, from our moth - er's arms Hath blessed us on our
cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per -
heav - en; The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a -

12
way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
plexed, And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.
dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more!

Please Remain Standing

APOSTLES' CREED

(P): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed."

**(C): I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(P): Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

(P): ... Lord in your mercy. **(C): hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

(P): Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **(C): Amen**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(P): The peace of the Lord be with you always. **(C): And also with you.**

(P): Let us share God's peace with one another.

Please be seated [after sharing the peace - ushers will collect offering]

GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

As the gifts are brought forward to the altar, we will sing the Offertory Response

Please stand.

“LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

(P): Let us pray.

(C): Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing

THE HOLY MEAL
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(P): The Lord be with you. (C): And also with you.

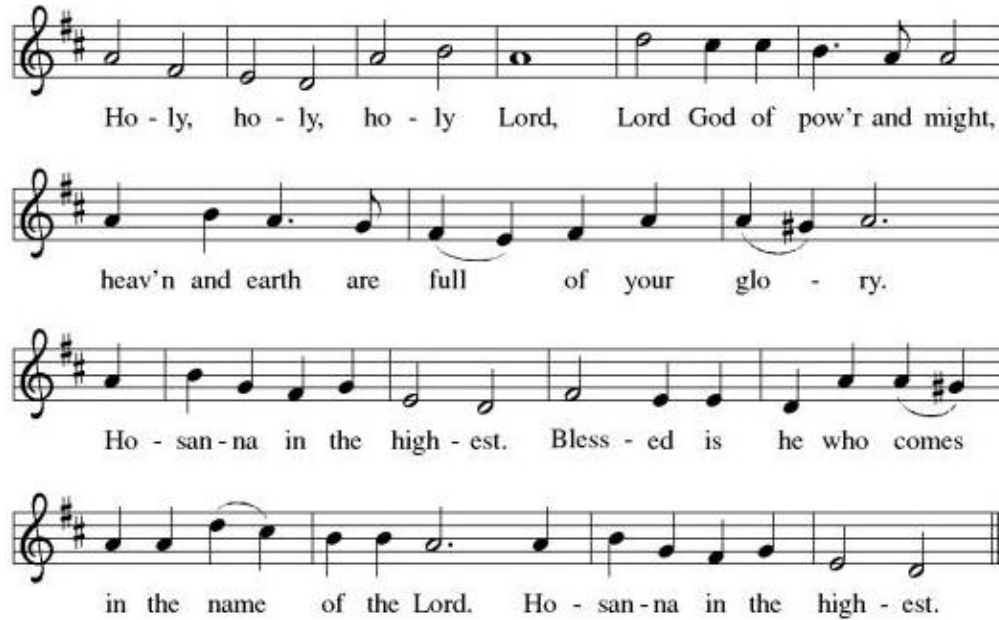
(P): Lift up your hearts. (C): We lift them up to the Lord.

(P): Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (C): It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

(P): "It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who, after his resurrection, appeared openly to his disciples and, in their sight, was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Please remain standing.

HOLY MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(P): In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

(P): Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.' For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

(C): Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(P): Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

(C): 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 and ever. Amen

Please be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P): Come, for all has been prepared.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We invite all baptized believers to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children are invited to come with arms folded across their hearts to receive a blessing from the pastor. Both the elements of wine and grape juice are offered. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(P): May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **(C): Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(P): Let us pray: "We give you our thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."

(C): Amen

Please remain standing

SENDING

(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

BLESSING

(P): The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

(C): Amen

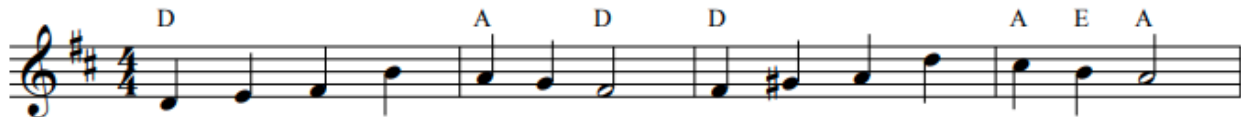
SENDING HYMN ~ TAKE MY LIFE & LET IT BE" (Green, 406, vss 1,3,5,6)

Take My Life, and Let It Be

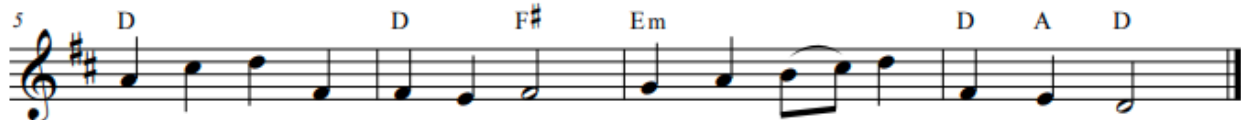
And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

Tune: William Henry Havergal, 1793-1870



Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
Take my hands, and let them move With the im - pulse of thy love:
Take my voice, and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;
Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
Take my in - tel - ect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou dost choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

DISMISSAL

(P): "We are called by Christ"

(C): To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.

(P): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): Thanks be to God.

OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:

Greeter:	Gail Crawford
Ushers:	Chris Briggs & Inez Roach
Altar Care:	Denise Moore
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Rhonda White
Acolyte:	Matthew Chubbs
Music Monitor:	Rhonda White
Facebook Live:	Reilly Mahoney
Hospitality:	Rhonda White
Offering Count Team:	Dennis Chubbs & Joshua Hart
Altar Flowers:	Rhonda White (Mother's Day)

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