# The Worship of The Lord

Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY (10:25 a.m.) Sandra Manning

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:23-27

#### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Worship begins with the Voluntary. Please use this time to enjoy the sacred music and to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with God.

### VOLUNTARY

*Little Prelude in C.....*J.S. Bach Clyde Patterson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us. Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here. *We have come to hear Word of God; We have brought with us all that weighs us down.* 

Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us. Be glad together and sing for joy.

Our hearts respond with hope for a new day. Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise. God reigns among us and fills the world with light. We are invited to make our home with the living God. May God's ways be known within and among us. May God guide all nations in ways of peace.

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 395

God of Grace and God of Glory.....CWM RHONDDA

# PSALTER READING: Psalm 67

Tim Surles

#### INVOCATION AND 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.

#### **\*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 335**

Standing on the PromisesPRO	OMISES
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#### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Mike Page

May 25, 2025

#### \*AN EASTER DOXOLOGY NO. 27 ...... LAST UNS ERFREUEN

#### A TIME WITH CHILDREN

(children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Church) Lynette Street

# **CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS** NO. 244

Speak, O Lord (stanza 2).....SPEAK, O LORD

#### AN INVITATION TO CONFESSION And PASTORAL PRAYER

All who keep God's Word know God's love and live by it. But obedience is not easy amid all the world's distractions, and the gift of love is not incorporated into our lives without effort. There is a gap between intention and reality, a chasm we create between ourselves and God. That is why we observe a time of confession.

# WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Here I Am, Lord.....arr. John Carter Clyde Patterson

#### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Divine Surprises* Emphasis Text: Genesis 18:1-15 Dr. Michael Cogdill

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 305

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus.....AssAM

#### \*COMMISSION and BLESSING

Worshippers of God, we are called into the world.
We cannot stay here; God has work for us to do.
God invites us to follow where Jesus leads.
Our presence is needed in unexpected places.
If we love God, we will live by God's Word.
If we have met God here, our lives are being changed.
God's Word of love is finding a home in our hearts.
God's light is leading us on new ventures of service.
The peace of God goes with you, today and always;
let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.
God is blessing us every day; praise God!
We will carry God's saving power to all nations.
Amen.

#### **\*BENEDICTORY RESPONSE**

As We Go.....As we go

# \*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### POSTLUDE

Karen Sawyer

\*Congregation stands, who are able All scripture readings are from The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version.

#### The Ministry of Worship Participants

Dr. Michael Cogdill, Guest Speaker Blaine Pittman, Director of Music and Education Clyde Patterson, Church Organist Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

#### Today

Deacons: Tim Surles & Mike Page Children's Church: Debi Davenport Nursery & Toddlers: Katie Engrassia

#### 2025 Financial Summary for 20 Weeks

#### Member Prayer Request

Pastor Kenny Byrd Sue Jenkins Bennie Joyner Patsy Carty Weedie Haves Claudia Mull Eric Jeffreys Donald Parker

Charles Taylor Chuck Taylor Wallace Family

#### Prayer on Behalf of Members

- Amanda Gault Carolyn Adams Pam Gault Tommy Bass Anne Gray Hobie Brown Kelly Hedgepeth John Byrd Veda Byrd Carolyn Jerigan Jeff Johnston Linda Frazier Jeff Mitchell Rudy Frazier Paul Patterson Linda Funkhouser
- Craig Powell Ernie Reddish Wavne Richardson Johnathan Sawyer **Janice Smith** Wanda Surles Tanner Wilson Family Susan Yazel

Card Ministry to the Homebound





# **TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of my husband, Jimmie Hinton, on our wedding anniversary, and in memory of my dad, M. M. Moore, who was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served throughout WWII by Sarah M. Hinton.

