

Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude *My Song is Love Unknown* Samuel Crossmon

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Blessed are those who doubt,

For faith is a journey, not a destination.

Blessed are those who question,

For easy answers are dismissed, but truth takes time to discern.

Blessed are those who have not seen,

Blessed are those who have come to believe.

Blessed are those who struggle in their faith,

For God has called us in the struggle together.

Come, worship God, and follow Jesus, who calls us into this life of faith together.

***Hymn 409** *God Is Here!* Abbot's Leigh

Litany for Easter (Responsive)

Our Way: you call us to celebrate your peace

in a world which worships war;

to celebrate your freedom

in the face of oppression;

to celebrate the seed of faith

planted in the doubts of our hearts.

Our Life: you compel us to celebrate the safe ground of hope

emerging from the flood of our tears;

celebrate those who love us

in the midst of hurt and hatred;

celebrate our salvation

as we struggle with sin.

Our Truth: you teach us to celebrate our new life

in the gift of the Risen Lord;

to celebrate the grace of your heart

which melts our fears;

to celebrate that all our moments

are cradled in your hands.

Our Way, our Truth, our Life: call us, compel us, teach us

to follow your way, love your truth, live your life through ours. Amen.

Word & Wonder – A Time for the Young & the Young at Heart

Scripture Lesson Acts 17:16-31 NT, P.137

Sermon Into the Unknown Rev. Christie Ashton

***Hymn 610** *O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Azmon

***Affirmation of Faith** (Responsive)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...*(prayer continues)*

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 625** *O Lord, My God* How Great Thou Art

***Charge & Benediction** (Responsive)

***Postlude** *Rigaudon* Andrew Camorra

Worship Leader This Week: La Donna Bowers

Worship Leader Next Week: Tim Clutts

What's Happening at Hope?

Save the Date: On Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30 p.m. our Playschool will present their end of year program followed by our annual cook-out at 5:30 p.m. We hope you will plan to join us as we support and celebrate another successful year of our Playschool ministry and enjoy fellowship with one another and our students and their families. This is always a fun time and we look forward to seeing you there!

Graduate Sunday: On Sunday, May 17 we will honor our graduate Lareeta Ashton.. She will be recognized during worship and will be commissioned with prayer and a gift as she begins a new season of study.

Church Calendar at a Glance

May 3	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship NO Choir Practice
May 10	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship NO Choir Practice
May 13	5:30 p.m.	Playschool Program & Cook-out

The Elder on Call for April is Travis Williams he may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **205-533-4145**.

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Prayer Concerns

Members:

Debbie Adsit
Traci Loveman
Holly Lowe
Luanne Biles
Andy Young
Shelby Albert

Family:

Kelley Waldron (Christie Ashton)
Lys Howdle (Susan Terry)
Parker Lord (Candy & Bob Lord)
Marcia Loveman (Peter Loveman)
Fred Jones (Bill Jones)

Friends:

Luke & Crystal Allen (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
Margaret Bibb (Christie Ashton)
Barbara Dennis
Emily Loeb (Debbie Adsit)
Suzanne Minga (Traci Loveman)
Dr. Jon Wongsurawat (Traci Loveman)
Bob Harriger (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
Melissa Altice (Angie Toles)
Mary Neikirk (Angie Toles)

Those serving in our military.

Those affected by natural disasters and war around the world.

Prayer Family of the Week:

Our prayer family of the week is **Luanne Biles**. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Luanne and her family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.

Our Mission Statement

Called by God's grace, we celebrate life with Hope by creating a loving Christian community, serving and worshipping God, and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We provide an open environment to explore God's will, to grow in commitment to Christ, and to be a refuge of healing.