

**Order of Worship**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
May 10, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**                    *Ich bitte dich, Herr Jesu Christ*                    J.S. Bach

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive)

The One who shaped the universe crafts us into a community of faith:

**A people to shelter the homeless, a family to feed the hungry.**

The One who made kittens and elephants, birds and bugs, shapes us in the divine image:

**So that we can grow with grace as we welcome the hopeless and the helpless.**

The One who blesses us with flowers and waterfalls, gifts us with the way, the truth, the life:

**So we can go to tell the story, to bring healing to a broken world. Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn 645**                    *Sing Praise to God*                    Mit Freuden Zart

**Litany for Easter** (Responsive)

Because of Christ:

In the loving of neighbor and the sharing of love,  
**together we shall go on;**

In the celebration of life and the sharing of that life together,  
**together we shall go on;**

In the caring of the earth and the sharing of her harvest,  
**together we shall go on;**

In the variety of people and the sharing of our talents,  
**together we shall go on;**

In the laughter we make and the sharing of the journey,  
**together we shall go on;**

In the love of this community and the sharing of our faith,  
**together we shall go on. Amen**

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

**Scripture Lesson**                    Philippians 1:1-18a

**Sermon**                    The Matrix of Love                    Rev. Christie Ashton

**\*Hymn 339**                    *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                    Hyfrydol

**\*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**

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.**

**\*Hymn 761**                    *Called as Partners*                    Beecher

**\*Charge & Benediction** (Responsive)

**\*Postlude**                    *Hallelujah*                    Gottlieb Nourney

**Worship Leader This Week:** Tim Clutts

**Worship Leader Next Week:** Danielle DeBraccio

## 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

<b>May 10</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship NO Choir Practice
<b>May 13</b>	5:30 p.m.	Playschool Program & Cook-out
May 17	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship - Graduate Sunday NO CHOIR PRACTICE

**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:

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

### Friends:

Tracy Fletcher  
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.**