

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Gathering Music

Doug Madow

Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Amy Jo

- Sign-Up Sheet for reading Scripture
- Book Study at Hope Church on parables, Monday at 10:00 a.m.
- Charge Conference, May 28, 2025, 6:30p.m.

\*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul

**And all that is within me bless his holy name!**

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him.

**And his righteousness to his children's children!**

\*Mother's Day Blessing

Special Music: "Peace in the Valley"

Choir

Scripture Reading: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

John Streiff

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>O give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>3</sup>O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

<sup>4</sup>who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

<sup>5</sup>who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

<sup>6</sup>who spread out the earth on the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

<sup>7</sup>who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

<sup>8</sup>the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

<sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>24</sup> and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
<sup>25</sup> who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
<sup>26</sup> O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Children's Message: God's Love is Forever  
Spark Story Bible pp. 408-409

Scripture Reading: I John 4:7-12, 16 John Streiff  
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.  
So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.  
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10 NRSV John Streiff  
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Hymn	“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”	#384, v. 1, 2 & 4, UMH
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Message	God is Love	Pastor Amy Jo
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Hymn	“Jesus Loves Me”	#191, UMH
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Celebration of Generosity: Ridgeview Heights: Becky Ford, Director of Community Action Center.

Offertory

\*Doxology

#95, UMH

\*Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

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.**

\*Hymn      "Love Lifted Me"

(words on insert)

\*Benediction

May the presence of God the Creator give you strength;  
May the presence of God the Redeemer give you peace;  
May the presence of God the Sustainer give you comfort.  
May the presence of God the Sanctifier give you love. Amen.

Postlude

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**\*\*Please join us after worship in the annex for a time of fellowship.\*\***

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Pastor Amy Jo's cell phone 507-341-1760

### Church Calendar Of Events

Sun. May 11	9am Worship
Mon. May 12	10am Book Study at Hope
Mon. May 12	6pm Mission in Parlor
Mon. May 12	7pm Lakelanders
Wed. May 14	530pm-7pm Confirmation
Thur. May 15	7pm Piecemakers in FH
Sun. May 18	9am Worship
Sun. May 18	REM Fundraiser
Mon. May 19	7pm Lakelanders
Tues. May 20-26	Pastor Amy Jo on Vacation
Sun. May 25	9am Worship
Mon. May 26	7pm Lakelanders
Wed. May 28	6pm Administrative Council Meeting

### Community Announcements

Next Sunday, May 18th, Nicholas Sonpon will share Rural Evangelism Mission updates for 2025 during Mission Moments during the time of offering. REM will provide the morning coffee following worship. Nicholas will be present to answer any questions you may have.

### Giving Report

Apr. 27	\$1, 475.00	Easter Offering \$	127.85
May 4	\$1, 280.00		