



FROM THE  
*Pulpit*  
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During the Lent and Easter season (March-April), we reflected on Old Testament feasts that foreshadow Jesus, His sacrifice as the Passover Lamb, and then celebrated His resurrection on Easter morning.

*This month*, we will explore sermon themes that deepen our faith. On the First Sunday, we reflect on Jesus' call to follow Him and His promise of restoration. The Second Sunday, Mother's Day, celebrates God's love expressed through mothers and women. Finally, we will consider why we choose Jesus over other gods and express our gratitude to God as Christians and as human beings in general.

## Sunday May 4~

*John 21:1-19 — "Follow Me!"*

John 21:1-19 teaches us to trust Jesus' guidance despite failures, as obedience and faith lead to spiritual maturity. Jesus' restoration of Peter shows His loving forgiveness and calls us to deepen our love for Him and serve others faithfully as responsible servants.

## Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>~

*Proverbs 31:25-27; Proverbs 18:22 — "Mother's Love"*

Celebrating the strength, grace, and joyful spirit of all mothers and women this Mother's Day.

## Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>~

*Colossians 1:15-19; 1 Corinthians 1:23 — "Why Jesus?"*

Jesus stands out among other gods because of His origin, purpose, and destiny. He is the chosen Savior through whom God restores peace and reconciles all things to Himself by His sacrificial blood on the cross.

## Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>~

*Psalms 139:14; Psalm 118:1 — "Why should We Thank God?"*

Giving thanks acknowledges His continual blessings, grace, and the wonderful works He has done in and through us. Gratitude helps us maintain a humble and joyful heart, drawing us closer to God.

