

*Living and Loving like Christ*

**Order of Worship**  
**8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Chiming of the Hour (11am)  
Prelude (8am) / Processional (11am)  
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
William B. Bradbury; arr. Matthew Zisi

Bringing in the Light  
Greeting and Announcements  
SPRC Announcement Pedro Pons  
Choral Introit (11am) “I Stand Amazed in the Presence”  
Charles Gabriel

Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation”  
UMH 545

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881  
Gloria Patri UMH 71

Congregational Care  
Offertory Hymn “Victory in Jesus”  
UMH 370

Offertory Prayer  
Offertory “Sheep May Safely Graze”  
Billie Mitchell, guest pianist J. S. Bach

Special Music (8am) “Gentle Shepherd”  
The 8AM Ensemble William J. and Gloria Gaither

Choral Anthem (11am) “Let Us Break Bread Together”  
John Ness Beck

Scripture John 10:11-18  
Sermon Lanita Monroe

Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord’s Prayer  
Holy Communion “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”  
Charles H. Gabriel; arr. Jennifer Eklund

Hymn “When We All Get to Heaven”  
UMH 701

Benediction  
Choral Benediction (11am) “Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace”  
Lee Hastings Bristol

Taking the Light into the World  
Music for Going Forth “My Tribute (To God Be The Glory)”  
Andraé Crouch; arr. Lester Le Roux

**Traditional Worship Today**

Sylvia Schneider, pianist  
Special thanks to Billie Mitchell for sharing her gift of music in today’s worship service.

**Opportunities/Announcements**

**Ushers and Communion Servers** are needed for the 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. If you are willing to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Penny Dagley (847-553-7095 or [pdagley50@gmail.com](mailto:pdagley50@gmail.com)) for the 11:00 service and Penny or Anne Heffentreyer (301-752-5061 or [aheffentreyer@gmail.com](mailto:aheffentreyer@gmail.com)) for the 9:15 service. Meetings will be set up to review the responsibilities with those who volunteer.

**Pavilion Cleaning Volunteers** are needed to prepare the Pavilion for worship every Sunday morning during the outdoor worship season. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex or Pavilion on Sundays and on the table across from the Church Office during the week. Please consider taking a turn at this so we all can enjoy our Sacred Encounters worship in a clean and comfortable Pavilion.

**Cookies Needed:** Please help replenish our supply of cookies for Sunday morning fellowship. Also, please join us in Fellowship Hall for a snack and good conversation after each worship service.

**National Day of Prayer**, sponsored by the Fairfield Glade Council of Churches, will be Thursday, May 7, at 11:00 a.m. in our Pavilion.

**Teddy Bear Ministry:** On Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 10, we will be collecting stuffed animals once again to support our Teddy Bear Ministry. These cuddly animals will be given to the hospital, nursing homes, police departments, and a variety of other agencies that support children and seniors in crisis. Please bring in new or gently-used teddy bears or other stuffed animals (12”–18” preferred) and place them in front of the altar for blessing.

**United Women in Faith:** All women are invited to the United Women in Faith meeting on Wednesday, May 13, at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Billie Mitchell will lead a May Day program, including a hands-on workshop creating May Day flower cones. Traditionally, these cones were anonymously left on the doorknobs of friends and neighbors as a gesture of kindness and to welcome spring. Come for learning, creativity, and stay for the fellowship!

**Rummage Sale** will be held on Thursday, June 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will also be a Bake Sale on Thursday, June 4. Donations for the Rummage Sale will be accepted beginning Wednesday, May 6. Nothing should be dropped off at the church before May 6. The trailer will be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m. through May 30 for household items, etc. Clothing donations can be left in the Friendship Room beginning May 6. Please make certain that all your donations are clean and without holes, rips, or tears; i.e., something that you would buy. Many volunteers are needed to make this annual event a success. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall.

**FFGUMC Annual Golf Outing** will take place on Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. at Heatherhurst Crag. This annual event features a 9-hole scramble, contests, and a post-tournament awards luncheon, all for \$30 (non-golfers may participate for \$16). Participants will pay for their own golf. There are currently 25 spots remaining. Representative are available after each worship service to sign up golfers for the outing. Look for Dave Bouque, Joe Barth, Larry Pauley, Gary Molnar, or Hazel Robinson.



Welcome to our guests!  
Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and cookies.

**Congregational Care**

**Dominion Senior Living:** Sharon Meyer, Marilyn Orr  
**Holiday Lake Shore Commons, Wilmington, NC:** JoAnn Mintz  
**Morning Pointe of Lenoir City:** Joy Morrison  
**NHC Place at Cool Springs, Franklin, TN:** Tom Smith  
**Preserve:** Kathie Sampson  
**Uplands Village:** Wilma Roth

**At home:** Paul Adams, Sue Armstrong, Sandra Ashmore, Phyllis Betz, Jeanne Bosley, Linda Bowman, Les Cecil, Richard Comshaw, Michael Deck, Karen DeVinney, C.C. Duff, Judy Flinn, Larry Gagnon, Carol Giegerich, Suzanne Gill, Anita Grenier, Karen Gundy, Janet Hadd, Vern Hotchkiss, Shirley Justin, Donna Klippel, Fred Kirchner, Jim Kubacki, Bill Lapiska, Barb Leach, Jim Legg, Tom Liebert, Diane Mallard, Linda McClanahan, Lois McMorran, Barbara & Jim Mercer, Sid Miller, Gail Murray, Holly Neal, Joe O’Neal, Pat Olsen, Carol Pontius, Paul Preuss, Dawn Robb, Babs & Ed Sanders, Larry Schroth, Sharon Shallcross, Kurt Smith, John Snyder, Phyllis Stone, Gary Storer, Betty Sweborg, Alvin Thayer, Rodney Todd, Otis Truxton, Christina Watson, Donald Young

**Please remember all of our homebound members in prayer. Also, please continue to keep the brave and proud people in your prayers where war continues to rage.**

**Recent Surgeries and Procedures:** Terry Enlund, Judy Fouts, Jim Rowe, Norm Torrey

**Upcoming Surgeries and Procedures:** None known

**Christian Condolences to:**  
† The family of Alya Dean Kanuckel, who died on Friday, April 24. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

**For Pastoral Care this week, please call:**

Rev. Lanita Monroe (931) 200-1981  
Rev. Connie Hall (931) 303-1449  
Pastor Matt McClanahan (931) 210-8674

<b>Small Groups, Bible Studies, Committee Meetings</b>	
<b>Week of May 3</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, 05/03/26</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, 05/06/26</b>
10:30am.... Christian Characters SS Class	1:30pm.....Small Group Study
10:30am.....Romans SS Class	3:00pm..... Ushers/Servers Training
<b>MONDAY, 05/04/26</b>	4:00pm..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal
8:00am..... Men’s Prayer Breakfast	5:30pm.....Choir Rehearsal
9:30am.....Chair Yoga	<b>THURSDAY, 05/07/26</b>
1:30pm ..... Bible Study Tech	9:00am..... Men’s Bible Study
<b>TUESDAY, 05/05/26</b>	9:30am..... Chair Yoga
9:30am..... Crafters for Missions	11:00am.....National Day of Prayer
10:00am..... UWF Board Meeting	2:00pm..... Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.
10:00am..... GriefShare	6:00pm..... Praise Band Rehearsal
12:00pm ..... Ladies Game Day	<b>FRIDAY, 05/08/26</b>
12:00pm ..... High Noon Sisters	10:30am..... Ushers/Servers Training
2:00pm .....SPRC Meeting	12:30pm..... Ladies Game Day



**May 3, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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# Sacred Encounters

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May 3, 2026—Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Order of Worship—9:15 a.m.

- Jammin' For Jesus!
- Greeting and Announcements
- Commissioning Stephen Minister Leader Carol Show
- SPRC Announcement Pedro Pons
- Gathering
- “Forever”**

### Verse 1:

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King.  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

### Verse 2:

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

### Chorus 1:

Yeah, forever God is faithful.  
Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

### Verse 3:

From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

### Chorus 2:

Yeah, forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us, forever and ever and ever.  
Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us, forever and ever.  
Yeah, forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is faithful, forever and ever.  
Yeah, forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever, forever!

Words & Music by Chris Tomlin

### Ways to Give:



ENVELOPE—Check, cash ONLINE—[www.ffgumc.org/give](http://www.ffgumc.org/give)

### “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

#### Chorus:

Just a closer walk with thee,  
Grant it Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee;  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou are strong,  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,  
Let me walk close to thee. (Chorus)

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (Chorus)

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently safely o'er to the shore,  
Dear Lord, to thy shore. (Chorus)

Jack Schrader

### “I Can Only Imagine”

I can only imagine what it will be like,  
when I walk by your side.  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see,  
when your face is before me.  
I can only imagine.

#### Chorus:

Surrounded by your glory, what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of you be still?  
Will I stand in your presence or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing Hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine, yeah, I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes,  
and I find myself standing in the sun.  
I can only imagine when all I would do,  
is forever, forever worship You.  
I can only imagine, I can only imagine. (Repeat Chorus 2X)

#### Ending:

I can only imagine when all I would do,  
Is forever, forever worship You.  
I can only imagine.

Songwriter: Bart Millard;

### Congregational Care

#### “My Redeemer Lives”

I know He rescued my soul; His blood has covered my sins.  
I believe. I believe.  
My shame He's taken away; my pain is healed in His name.  
I believe. I believe.  
I'll raise the banner cause my Lord has conquered the grave.

#### Chorus:

My redeemer lives. My redeemer lives.  
My redeemer lives. My redeemer lives.  
(Repeat Verse and Chorus)

#### Bridge:

You lift my burdens. I'll rise with you.  
I'm dancing on this mountain top to see Your Kingdom come.  
(Chorus)

Words & Music by Reuben Morgan

### “I Will Call Upon the Lord”

I will call upon the Lord  
[Echo:] I will call upon the Lord  
Who is worthy to be praised.  
[Echo:] Who is worthy to be praised.  
So shall I be saved from my enemies.  
[Echo:] So shall I be saved from my enemies.  
I will call upon the Lord. (Repeat)  
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted. (Repeat)  
(Repeat all)

Words & Music by Michael O'Shields

- Special Music **“Be Okay”** Lauren Daigle, Ellie Holcomb
- Scripture John 10:11-18
- Sermon Lanita Monroe
- Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Holy Communion
- Time of Meditation **“Be Okay”**

#### “I'll Fly Away”

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

#### Chorus:

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.  
When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away,  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. (Chorus)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away,  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. (Chorus)

Words & Music by Albert E. Brumley

#### Benediction

Amen!

## Sacred Encounters Worship Today

Thanks to our **Praise Band:**  
David Odegaard (bass guitar), Annetta Deck (keys),  
Wade England (drums), Luke Jeffers (guitar), Heidi Eber (vocals)  
Special thanks to Heidi Eber for sharing her gift of music  
in today's service.

## All Worship Services Today

Thanks to our **Audio/Video Media Team:**  
8:00am: Kathie Hillner (in-house audio)  
9:15am: David Farley, John Jeffers (audio/stage hands)  
11:00am: David Farley (video slides preparation)  
John Jeffers (in-house audio), Jackson Prine streaming audio),  
David Farley (video projection), Luke Jeffers (streaming)

Thanks also to our **Behind-the-Scenes Staff:**  
whose efforts help make Sunday worship possible:  
Ruth Kmiec (bulletins), Ruth Nelson (nursery)  
JoBeth Smith (hospitality), Lisa Williams (membership),  
Scott Lybarger (facility), Martha Waldo (custodian)

### Worship Services

- 8:00am Early Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
  - 9:15am Sacred Encounters—Pavilion (through 10/04/2026)
  - 11:00am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary (also live-streamed)
- (Images of those participating in worship may be visible in the live stream.)  
Nursery Care available during 9:15am and 11:00am services

### Sunday Classes:

- 10:30am Christian Characters—Room 3 (*note room change*)
- 10:30am Romans Study—Room 7

### Next Week's Scripture: John 14:15-21

### Sermon Notes:

In the Gospel of John, the writer ties Jesus to God from the very opening words: *In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God and the word was God.* Chapter 4 is the beginning of connecting Jesus to God through the ancient words of God himself, "I am." John goes further, giving us clarifying images of Jesus:

- I am the Bread of life (chapter 6)
- I am the Light of the world (8)
- I Am (8:58)
- I am the Door (10)
- I am the Good Shepherd
- I am the Resurrection and Life (11)
- I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (14)
- I am the Vine...

These eight statements work together to help us not only identify who Jesus is throughout all of scripture, but also how we enter into relationship with him...how we build personal, intimate faith through Jesus.

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