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**9:15 AM - September 28, 2025 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**ALIVE! Worship Service**

# INTRODUCTION

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

## Praise to the Lord



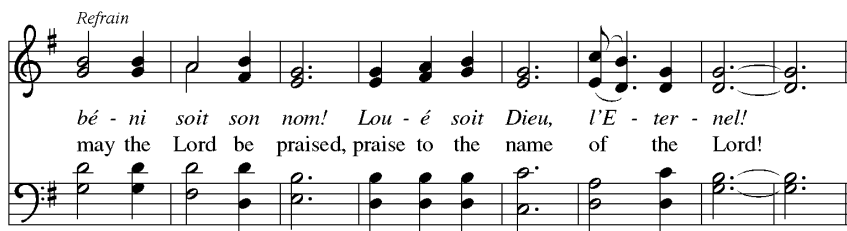
1 Lou - ez l'E - ter - nel, ser - vi - teurs de  
2 Qui est comme no - tre Dieu, dans les cieux, sur la  
1 Praise to the Lord, all of you, God's  
2 There is none like our God in the heav'ns or on



Dieu. Bé - ni soit son nom, main - te - nant,  
ter - re, qui ex - al - te les pauvres au rang des grands  
ser - vants. Bless - ed be the name of our God  
earth, who lifts the poor from the dust, seat - ing them



à ja - mais. Du le - ver du so - leil,  
de son peu - ple, qui ma - ni - feste mi - sé - ri - corde?  
now and ev - er. From the ris - ing of the sun,  
with the might-y, who stoops to raise the weak and low:



*Refrain*  
bé - ni soit son nom! Lou - é soit Dieu, l'E - ter - nel!  
may the Lord be praised, praise to the name of the Lord!

Text: Ron Klusmeier, b. 1946, based on Psalm 113; French tr. R. Gerald Hobbs, b. 1941

Music: RICHARDSON-BURTON, Ron Klusmeier

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# When the Poor Ones

verses 1, 2, & 3



1 Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne yaún re-par-te,  
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;  
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;  
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;  
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al - guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,  
 when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;  
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:  
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;  
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us;  
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:  
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

## Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo en nues-tro mis - mo ca-mi - nar;  
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



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Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934

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# Christ Be Our Light

verses 1, 4, & 5



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## PEACE

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

### **Growing a deeply connected family of faith**

Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYERS

### ANTHEM

*God Walks With Me*  
Seraph Singers

**Benjamin Komelis**

## KYRIE

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## *Praise*

(congregation remains seated while singing the entire hymn)

### Verse 1

I'll praise in the valley  
Praise on the mountain  
I'll praise when I'm sure  
Praise when I'm doubting  
I'll praise when outnumbered  
Praise when surrounded  
'Cause praise is the water  
My enemies drown in

### Pre-Chorus

As long as I'm breathing  
I've got a reason to

### Chorus 2

Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
I won't be quiet  
My God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord oh my soul.

### Bridge

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign  
Praise 'cause You reign  
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave  
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful  
Praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

### Chorus 2

Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
I won't be quiet  
My God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul

A reading from Timothy.

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM HYMN

## *Sing to God with Joy and Gladness*

verses 2 & 4

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D)  
*Refrain* F Dm Gm7 C F

Sing to God, with joy and glad - ness, hymns and

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (Bm) (Em7)  
 Dm Gm7 F Dm Gm7

psalms of grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise

(A) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (D)  
 C F Dm Gm7 F *Fine*

dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is good.

(Bm) (Em7) (A) (F#) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 C A Bb

1 God u - nites the scat - tered peo - ple, gath - ers  
 2 Such is God's great power and wis - dom, none can  
 3 God with clouds the sky has cur - tained, thus en -  
 4 God's dis - cern - ment nev - er fa - vors strength or

(Em) (F#) (F#7) (Bm) (Em7) (A)  
 Gm A A7 Dm Gm7 C

those who wan - dered far, heals the hurt and bro - ken  
 cal - cu - late or tell; keen is God to ground the  
 sur - ing rain shall fall; earth, re - spond - ing, grows to  
 speed to lift or move; God de - lights in those who

The five songs of praise that conclude the biblical psalter (Psalms 146–150) all begin and end with “Hallelujah!” That ecstatic Hebrew word is expanded here into the refrain that opens and closes this paraphrase of Psalm 147, an appropriate frame for its theme of thanksgiving.



## GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Wade Roof**

## ANTHEM

*By Our Love*

**Nockels/arr. Keveren**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

### *We Are an Offering*

Offertory musical score for 'We Are an Offering'. The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals, as well as chord symbols above the staff.

F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>

lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our

C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E F C/E 3 Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G/F

hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

Em<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>/A A Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G Esus D/F# E/G# Am

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E Bb/C Dm<sup>7</sup> sus2 Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G

give to you, we give to you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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 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 and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

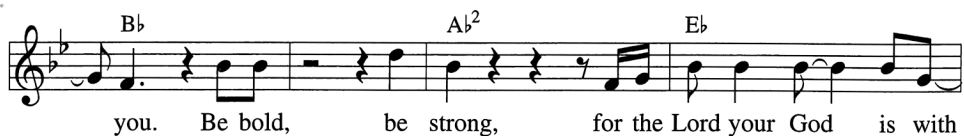
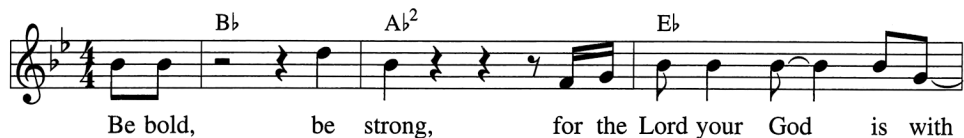
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### *Be Bold, Be Strong*



## DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

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### FOR FURTHER STUDY

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

- <sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
- <sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,
- <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
- <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalms 146

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there is no help.
- <sup>4</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- <sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;
- <sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## ***ALIVE! Musicians***

*Gale McLeod, Co-Director*

*Lyndsey Ebener*

*Ricky Lusk*

*Irelou Moye, Co-Director*

*David Moye*

*Julie Ann Payne*

*Beth Branham*

*Erin Hall*

*Ed Redmond*

*Leah Conrad*

*Vaughn Hall*

*Roxanne Rich*

*Brett Ebener*

*Steve Hamilton*

*Sarah Smith*

*Clark Ebener*

*Stephanie Liscusky*

*Jessica Gibbons*

### ***Worship Assistants***

*Lector ..... Burns Roof*

*Greeter ..... Grace Fuson*

*Usher ..... Paul Jacobs*

*Livestream coordinators ..... Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr*

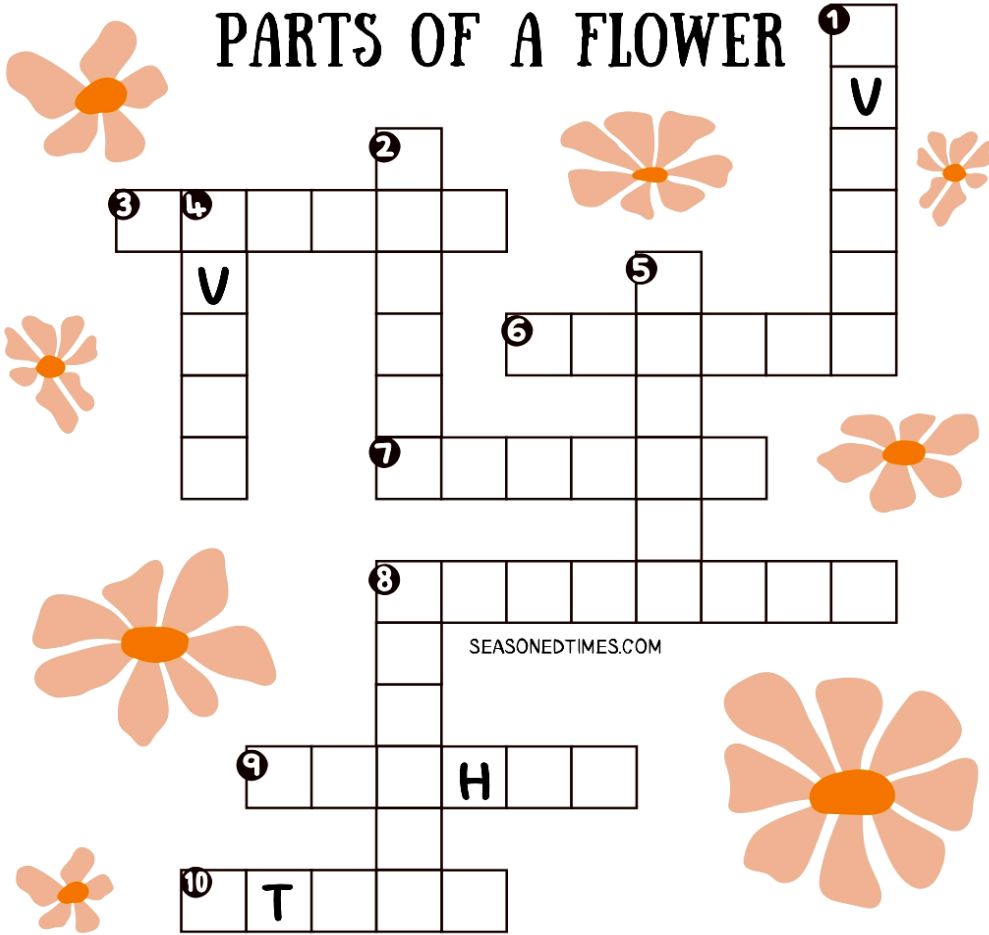


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# PARTS OF A FLOWER



FLOWERS HAVE MANY PARTS. SOME WE ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH AND SOME AREN'T SO WELL-KNOWN. SEE IF YOU CAN NAME THESE PARTS OF FLOWERS.

## DOWN

1. FORMS SEEDS OF FLOWER
2. ENCASES DEVELOPING BUD
4. WHERE OVULES (FUTURE SEEDS) ARE PRODUCED
5. POLLEN PRODUCING PART OF A FLOWER
8. USUALLY LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF FLOWER

## ACROSS

3. POWDERY SUBSTANCE INSTRUMENTAL TO FERTILIZATION OF FLOWER
6. BRIGHTLY COLORED PARTS OF FLOWER
7. WHERE THE POLLEN LANDS AND STARTS FERTILIZATION
8. STALK OF FLOWER
9. PRODUCES AND HOUSES POLLEN
10. SUPPORTS THE STIGMA, CONNECTING IT TO THE OVARY OF THE PLANT

Down:

1. Long, segmented creature that loves to eat

1. Long, segmented creature that loves to eat leaves.
2. Larva
3. Sweet liquid found in flowers.
4. Process of transformation from one stage to another.
5. Third stage of a butterfly's life where it transforms inside a protective case.
6. Pupa
7. Beginning of life for a butterfly.
8. Adult
9. Has six legs and three body segments.

2. It's me... a colorful insect with delicate wings It uses to fly.
6. Journey of a butterfly from egg to adult.
8. Second stage of a butterfly's life.
10. Stage the caterpillar undergoes its metamorphosis.

**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

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*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:* Kaitlyn Liafsha Amaya McCoy, Carter McCoy, Paul Hutto, Gilene McCullough, Evan Rybicki, Melissa Hughes, Chris Dawson, Mitzi Epting, Johnathon Hall, Tanner Anderson, Sam Davis, Hailey DuVall, Eliza Scyphers, Vaughn Hall, Lynn Hostetter, Christina Henricks, Miley Rhodes Cassie Kelly.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Pam Hoskins, Liliana Stork, Kim Pittman, Natalie Cook, Jana Payne  
Karen Holton, Barbara Raulerson

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Grace Kelly, Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, John Conrad, Linda Price  
Bruce Merchant, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen  
Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Dennis Rybicki Jr.  
Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Barbara Antley, Holland Gayden, Deidra Huckabee, Larry Huckabee, Ty Arlet, Bill Baney  
Tyler Corbitt, Eddie Porter, David "Bubba" Martin, Jr., Lara Backman Carter, Wayne Hall  
Kimberly Chapman, Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sam Waugh, Laura Ann Merrill  
Pastor Kenneth Taylor, Johnny Smith, Anne Moyer

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Cory Fabian, Zachery Gayden, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

**The Family Of:**

Mary Jo McLeod Place, Herman Bouknight, JoAnn Davis

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***Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*