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9:15 AM — May 21, 2023 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Christ Our Peace

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely SATB. The top part is in treble clef and the bottom part is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of text, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of text. The score ends with a double bar line.

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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Bind Us Together

Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There is on - ly one God. There is
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the

on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

that is why we can sing:
you are the glo - rious new wine.

Refrain

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)

Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land;
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride;
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
Db Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

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.

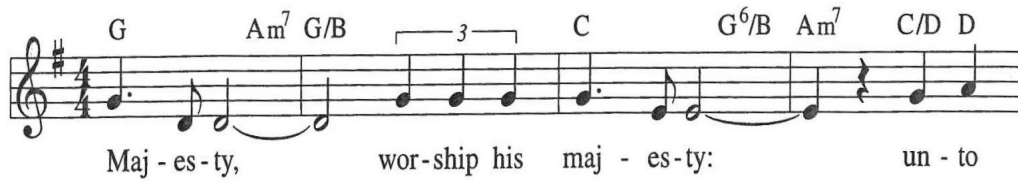
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

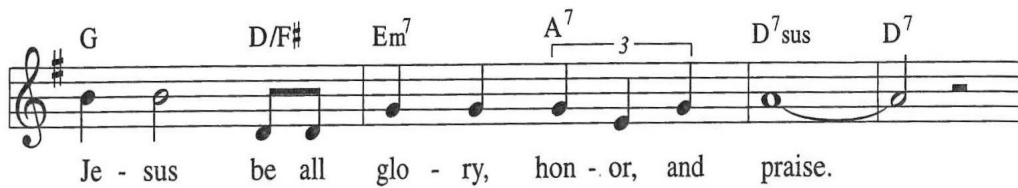
O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

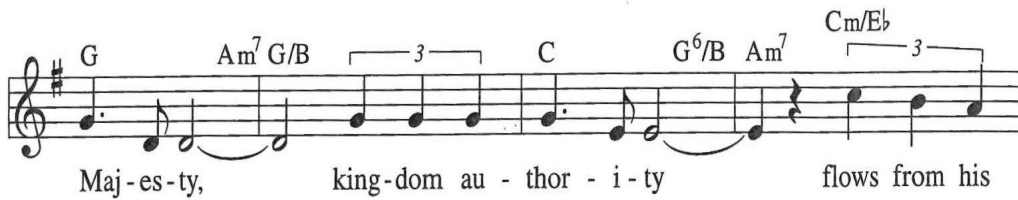
Majesty



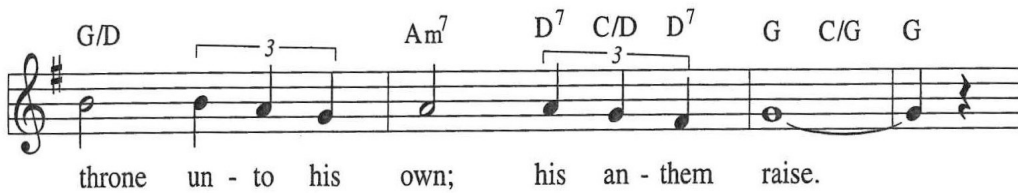
Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty: un - to



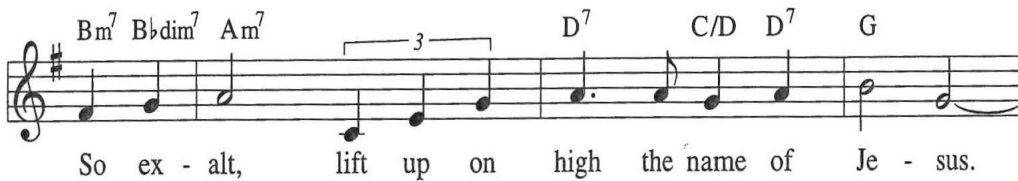
Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.



Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty flows from his



throne un - to his own; his an - them raise.



So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus.

G Bm⁷ B^bdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷/C B

Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

Am⁷ D G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B

Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his maj - es - ty:

Am⁷ Cm/E^b G/D Am⁷

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied,

D⁷ C/D D⁷ *To repeat* G C/G G *Last time* Em Am⁷ Cm/E^b

King of all kings. kings. Je - sus who

G/D Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G

died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from 1 Peter.

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66

Awesome God/Humble Thyself

Em D Em Bm⁷ Em D

Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the Lord, Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the

4 Em Bm⁷ Em C D

Lord; And He shall lift you

6 Em D C D Em

up high-er and high - er, and He shall lift you up.

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Em C G/B G

Our God is an awe - some God, he

D Em D/E Em C

reigns from heav-en a - bove with wis - dom,

G/B G Am Em/B Bm⁷ Em

pow'r, and love— our God is an awe - some God!

Am Em/B Bm⁷ Em Am⁷ Em/B Bm⁷ Em

Our God is an awe-some God! Our God is an awe-some God!

Text and music: Rich Mullins
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GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM *Rescue*

Daigle, Ingram and Mabury/ arr. Lojeski

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

FOR HOME SELF-STUDY & REFLECTION

FIRST READING Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

OFFERTORY

Voices Raised to You

Verses 1 and 5

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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 in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

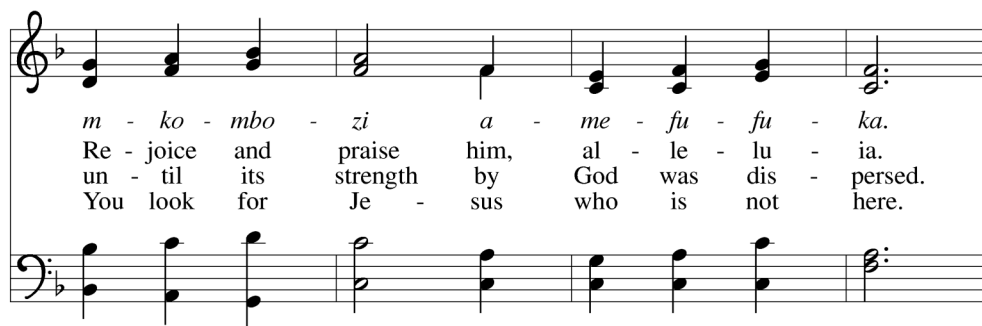
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

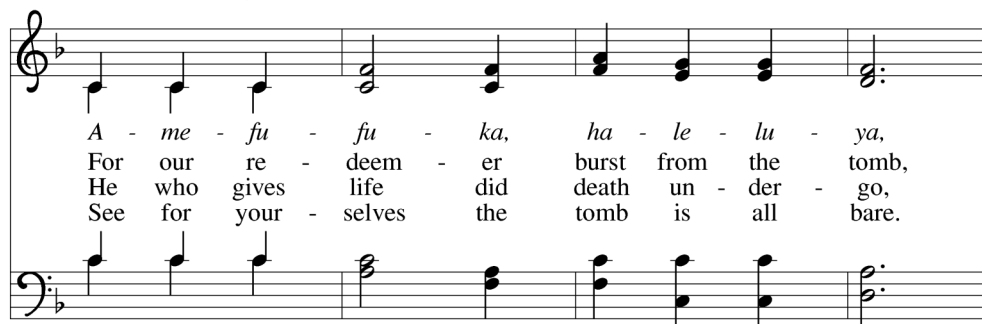
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!



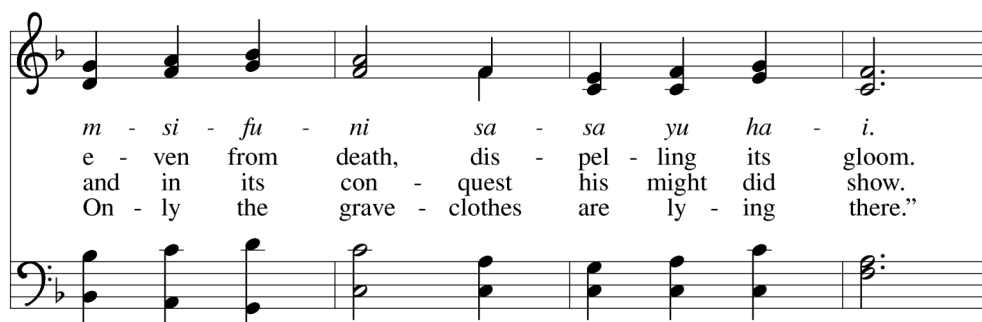
M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

**Sunday, May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition**

9:15 am ALIVE! Service
10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service - Youth Led Holy Communion
12:00 pm Church Council

Monday, May 22

9:30 am Quilting Ministry
5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR
7:00 pm Mt. Tabor Ringers

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lizard's Thicket)
10:30 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Ladies Aid
5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR
6:30 pm NA Mtg/ECR
6:30 pm ALIVE! Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 24

9:00 am E-News deadline
10:00 am Bulletin deadline
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Eucharist
6:30 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 25

5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR
5:30 pm Centennial Circle

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28, Pentecost

8:00 am Matins Service - Holy Communion
9:15 am ALIVE! Service - Holy Communion
10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service - Holy Communion
Drop In/Confirmation Celebration

Next Sunday's Readings

**Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23**

Online Giving

Mt. Tabor offers online giving. Scan the QR Code to be taken to our online giving page.



Don't forget about our **Blessing Box** by the Park. This box is to be filled with any blessing that someone else could use: food, blankets, water, etc... anything that could communicate God's love to God's people. Please bring something to add to our box & may God bless you for it! Please do not donate opened food items or things that will melt.

SUMMER CAMP DATES



WILDFIRE WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday Evening
June 7 – July 26, 2023

MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP

Day Camp
June 12 – 16, 2023

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Evening Camp
July 30 – August 3, 2023

Details concerning each camp will
be released at a later date.

2023 Easter Offering Goal

A motion was made to set a goal for the Easter Offering at \$25,000. 10% will go to charities, 1/3 each (Epworth Children's Home, God's Helping Hands and Gamecock Lutheran Ministry) and the remaining will be split between personnel assistance and staffing (intern, youth, etc.) and ongoing church maintenance and improvements. The motion was approved unanimously.

YTD Total is \$15,376.25



Kitchen Items Need

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/DYPT0Y42KBP3/guest-view>

Here is the Amazon Gift Registry that we created so that members who want to participate, may purchase remaining items needed for the kitchen. These items will be sent to my house and I will take care of getting them to the kitchen. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Whitney Glass

Nursery Volunteers for May:

9:15—Brett Ebener

11:00—Volunteers needed

Still need volunteers for the following months:

9:15 service for May

Both services for July

11:00 service for September

Both services for October

Both services for December

Please contact Brett Ebener if you are willing to serve!

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Lector

Greeter

Ushers

Communion Assistant

Worship Assistant Coordinator

Whitney Glass

Patsy Gambrell

Ricky Glass, Scott Busbee

Bruce Busbee

New Members

Mt. Tabor is receiving new members. Anyone that is interested in becoming a member should contact Pastor Wade or the Church Office.

The Sunshine Club will meet June 1st at 12:00 Noon. Please bring a covered dish to share. Our speaker will be Don Simmons, who will tell us about the HUGS program. Plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship and program.



Mt. Tabor Quilters Have a Need

The quilters are in need of used bed sheets, blankets, or similar large pieces of fabric (tablecloths, etc). These items are used as fillers in quilts. Please keep us in mind as you clean closets. Fabric you no longer need can be used for quilt tops. We appreciate your past support. Thank you for all you do to help this ministry.



Faith, Fun, and Fellowship!

Please come join Mt. Tabor at River Rat Brewery for some faith, fun, and fellowship!

Friday, May 26 at 5:00 PM

River Rat Brewery is family and dog friendly!
Please check the website for additional information
riverratbrewery.com

Congratulations Graduates!

	High School	Plans to Attend
Leah Marie Conrad	Airport High School	Clemson
Jensen Arlene Redmond	River Bluff High School	USC
	College/University	Degree
Alexis (Elledge) Fabian	Liberty University	
Sara Elizabeth Fulmer	USC	PHD in Curriculum with Emphasis in STEM
Madison Clark "Mattie" O'Quinn	USC	Biology & Liberal Studies

Room for Mothers

The Room for Mothers is ready for use again! The room number is 116.

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!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

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: Ashlynn Busbee, Carson Busbee, Trent Bozard, Blythe Baxter, Natalie Cook, Michael Cook, David Cook, Ashleigh Christine, Harold Jones, Emilie Jeffries, Sarah Mattern, Kayla Newman, Dalton Rodgers, Todd Sharpe, Eric Smith, Benjamin Smith, Darby Shepherd

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Robert Cromer, Helen Summers, Dennis Rybicki Sr, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Gale McLeod, Lee Riley, Jeanie Jacobs, Lib Manus.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Judy Jordan, David Derrick, Harold Jones, Paul Addy, Paul Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Ann Callison.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Haylen Marcel, Gayle Nelson, Betty Steele, Katie Blackwell Feaster, Deidra Huckabee, Jackson Bell, Ms. Moldovan, Pam Player, Carolyn Conway.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Arturo Rivera, Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Koda Nelson, Frank Miller, Jim Skorzewski, Sybil Hudson.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Tex and Mary Davis's 28th Wedding Anniversary.

The Processional cross flowers are given by Tom and Carol Stork to the Glory of God and in honor of Mount Tabor's Youth and all those who make Youth Ministry possible.

Bulletin Covers are given by Dottie Ford in honor of Leah Conrad, Jensen Redmond and all other graduates.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation