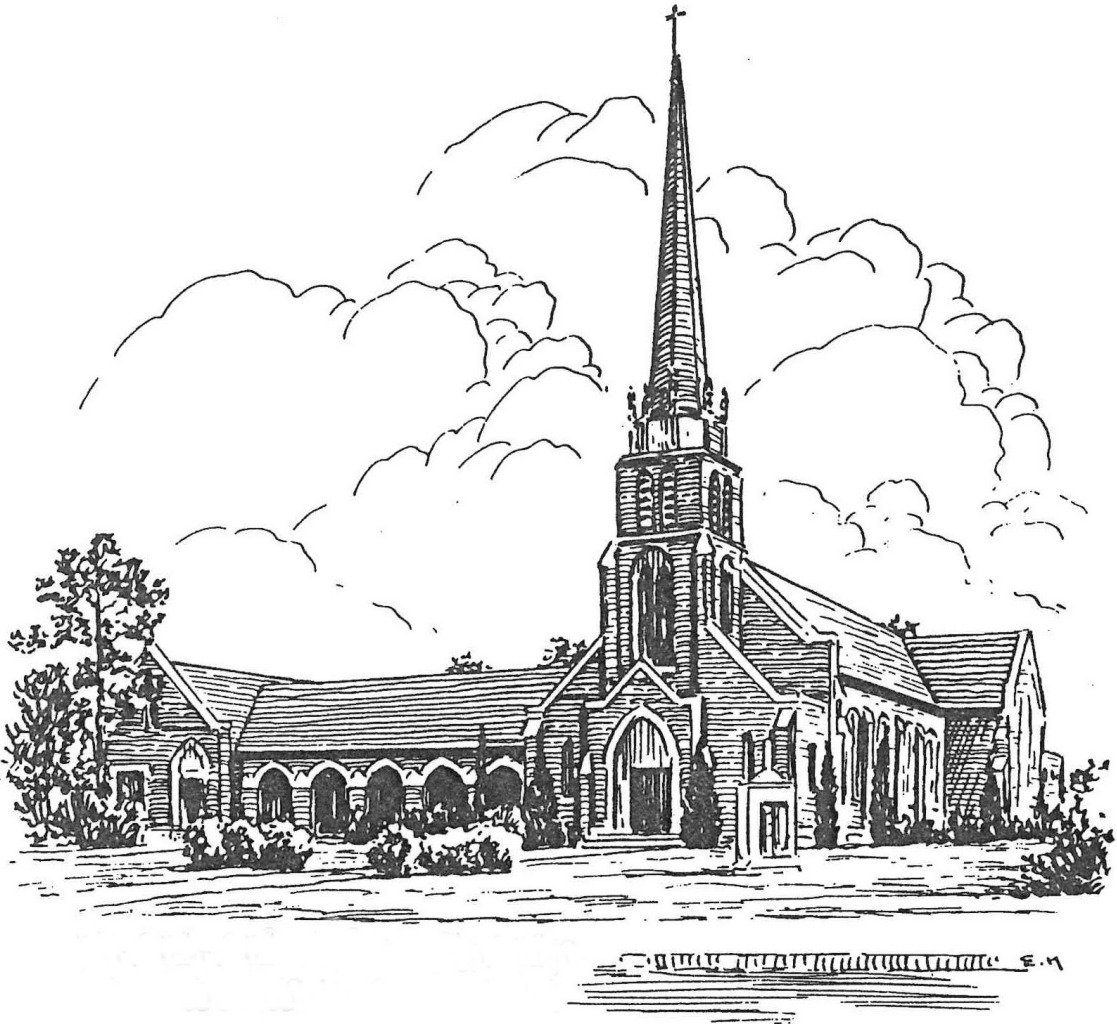


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9:15 AM - August 17, 2025 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

The Word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the Word and in Holy Communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

By Faith

Verse 1 - ALIVE

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2 - ALIVE

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus - ALL

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3 - ALIVE

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4 - ALIVE

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth *All repeat chorus*

Verse 5 - ALL

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name *All repeat chorus*

Faith Alive

Capo 3

D G D G
Call my name and I'll rise up from my sleeping
D G D G
Give the Word and I'll leave my world behind
D G D G
All these days like a gentle water falling
 A G
Now growing and flowing till I'm swept away
 A G
Give me bread for the journey, oh Jesus, I pray

D G D G
Light my way with faith alive, Light my way with faith alive
 D A D
Let me burn so bright, burn with faith alive

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Living Waters

Verse 1 - ALIVE

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2 - ALIVE

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

Chorus - ALL

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3 - ALL

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Repeat chorus

Bridge - ALIVE

Ooh Ooh Ooh
Ooh Ooh Ooh

Verse 4 - ALL

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

Repeat chorus

Ending - ALL

There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

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PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

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Baptismal candidate:

Elizabeth Grace Brown

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Brad and Rachel Robinson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise

Verse 1 - ALIVE

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 *Congregation stands & sings*

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 Hebrews.

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

Blessed Be Your Name

B. Redman and M. Redman/rr.Hayes

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me

with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Phrasing slurs are used to group notes across measures. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

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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 HYMN

May You Run and Not Be Weary

May you run and not be weary. May your
heart be filled with song. And may the
love of God con - tin - ue to
give you hope and keep you strong. And may you
run and not be weary. May your
life be filled with joy. And may the
road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

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BLESSING


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Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**


SENDING HYMN

Born, Reborn


Refrain



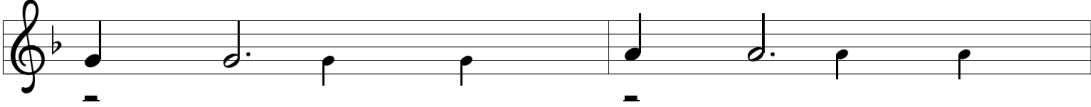
Born, re - born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed!




Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born!



Formed, re - formed! Praise our God for-ev - er - more!



1 Drown us. Drown us. Raise us. Raise us.
2 Name us. Name us. Heal us. Heal us.



Refrain

Mark us. Mark us. Claim us! Claim us!
Wash us. Wash us. Seal us! Seal us!

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalms 82

- ¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- ² "How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?
- ³ Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
- ⁴ rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- ⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- ⁶ Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;
- ⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.' "
- ⁸ Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.

ALIVE! Musicians

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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

Worship Assistants

Lector Rachel Bundrick

Greeter Grace Fuson

Usher Ray Conrad

Livestream coordinators Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our Lord, and in loving memory of my dad's birthday, by Sharon Mattern.

The bulletin covers are offered to the glory of our Lord, and in honor of Jackson's 21st birthday on August 17th and in loving memory of my Dad, Robert H. Sox, on his birthday, August 16th. We love you both dearly. Love, Jack, Lilli and Courtney.

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The Great Depression/The New Deal

Across

1. a shanty town built by homeless people in the US during the Great Depression

5. was a large-scale public works construction agency in the United States headed by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

6. was a prime New Deal agency established by U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) in 1933. The goal was to eliminate "cut-throat competition" by bringing industry, labor, and government together to create codes of "fair practices" and set prices

9. Tariff that that raised import duties to protect American businesses and farmers, adding considerable strain to the international economic climate of the Great Depression.

10. the U.S. corporation insuring deposits in the United States against bank failure

13. the largest and most ambitious American New Deal agency, employing millions of unemployed people

15. used to describe a series of 30 evening radio conversations (chats) given by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt between 1933 and 1944.

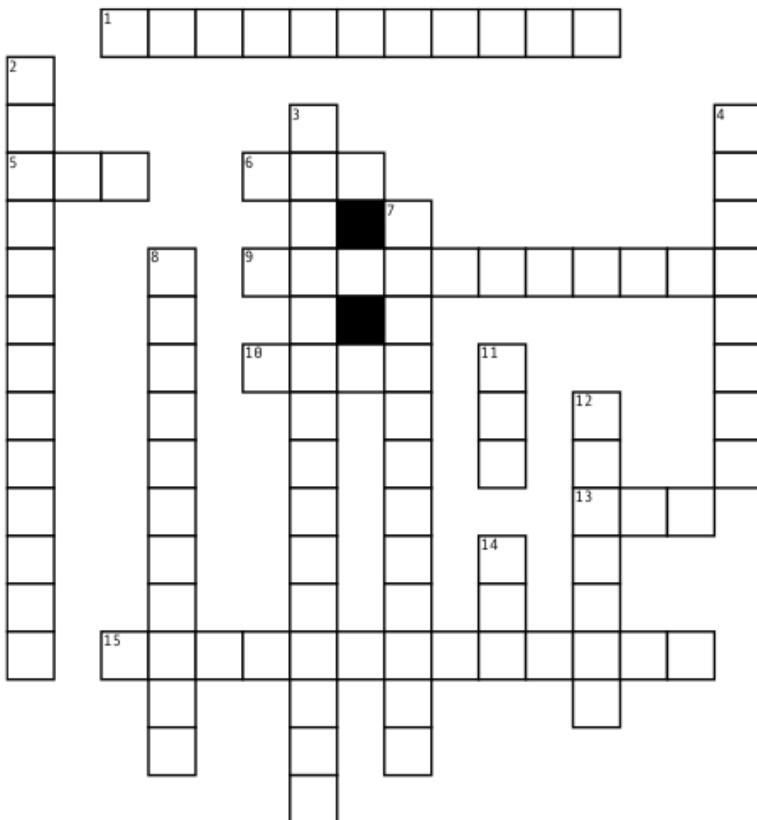
Down

2. to bring or send back (a person, especially a prisoner of war, a refugee, etc.) to his or her country or land of citizenship.

3. The period of declining and lower economic activity in the worldwide economy from the late 1920s through the 1930s

4. A parched region of the Great Plains, including parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas, where a combination of drought and soil erosion created enormous dust storms in the 1930s

7. when panicked sellers traded nearly 16 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange



8. engagement in business transactions involving considerable risk but offering the chance of large gains, especially trading in commodities, stocks

11. law enacted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935 to create a system of transfer payments in which younger, working people support older, retired people.

12. A group of government programs and policies established under President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930s;

14. was a public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942 in the United States for unemployed, unmarried men from relief families as part of the New Deal



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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!

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: Grace Fuson, Laurel Gamble, Christian Vallejo, Stephanie Gamble, Christian Hall, Easton Casteel, Porcia Metz Charles Hall, Michael Miller, Chris Elledge, Court Morris, Mary Garrett Waring, Morgan Witcher.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Natalie Cook, Grace Kelly, John Richardson, Jana Payne, Karen Holton, Lance Tucker
Joyce Riley, Jackie Macaulay, Nancy Stone-Collum, Pam Burnett, Carolyn Dufries
Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, Barbara Raulerson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

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 & Jeanie Jacobs
Paul Addy, Herman Bouknight, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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Pastor Kenneth Taylor, Johnny Smith, Anne Moye

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Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

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

The Family Of:

SCHP Trooper Dennis

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Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music