

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS John Hargrave, Worship Leader

PRELUDE *Anthem* Tom Conrey

*UNITY HYMN (**stand as we are able*) AURELIA

**In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.
From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:
Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation,
reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

Through Christ, we are made one with God.

In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God
here and now.

Through Christ, we are made one in God.

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together
as a people of God, diverse members of the one body.

Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

So, come, let us worship with God who saves us into eternal life with God
and one another.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN – No. 327 UMH *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of seekers and dreamers,
speak to us now as we wait for your promised word.
Protect your people, we pray.
The road ahead may be long,
but fill us with determination and courage.
Teach us to be your body with faith and love,
that we might serve one another as companions on the way,
Through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

(Let us offer each other signs of peace and reconciliation.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jenna Hargrave, Reader

God Most High, reigning in glory,
send down your Spirit of wisdom
to shine in your heavenly Word,
so that we may worship you with joy
continually blessing your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 715 UMH *Rejoice, the Lord is King* DARWALL'S 148th

*NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 1:6-14 Reverend Melissa Maher
This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: “Baptism: A Symphony of Grace”

*APOSTLES' CREED – No. 881 UMH

*HYMN – No. 548 UMH *In Christ There is No East or West* MCKEE

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER – No. 894 UMH

OFFERTORY

In gratitude and faith, we offer our gifts. Please place tithes and offerings in one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

*THE DOXOLOGY – No. 95 UMH
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 312 UMH *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* LLANFAIR

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Improvisation on “Rejoice, the Lord is King”* DARWALL'S 148th

THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two-leaved Gates; and the gates shall not be shut. Isaiah 45:1



St. Andrew

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

Today, we welcome to the pulpit, **Rev. Melissa Maher**, Director of the Center for Leadership Vitality, Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu on May 20th features King Ranch Chicken, a side salad, dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 a.m. on Monday by signing up on Sundays in the Friendship Register, using the link in the e-newsletter, or contacting the church office at 903-758-4952.

May 17-23 is **Little Free Library Week!** Our LFL in the circle drive has books for all ages (thanks to Blaze for checking on its stock) and is included in the Little Free Library map app. <https://littlefreelibrary.org/about/little-free-library-week>

Feeding the Firefighters theme this month is delightful desserts! Delivery dates are Mon. 5/18, Wed. 5/20, and Fri. 5/22 with 7 hungry firefighters in each crew. Please contact Rose Briggs (902.238.6463 rosebriggs07@gmail.com) or Katy Manck (903.918.1154 katyroo@gmail.com) to sign up or ask questions.

The **5th Sunday Potluck** will be held on May 31st after the service. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert. The Church will be providing fried chicken.

Peace with Justice Sunday will be observed on Sunday, May 31st to promote peace, justice, and advocacy through the United Methodist Church. This day emphasizes that peace is inseparable from justice.

Grace Presbytery's Social Justice and Public Witness Committee is presenting a Zoom seminar on June 18, 2026, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, titled "Supporting the Safety and Welfare of Migrants: How Our Congregations Can Be Involved." What is the theological basis for this work? What does this work look like? Who is doing the work? Experts on the issue, both inside and outside the PCUSA, will be discussing what is being done and simple ways to plug in. You can register for the event using the QR code in the newsletter.