

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 03, 2026



**St. Andrew**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**Community**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Bound together in love and service.*

## GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kate Day, Worship Leader

PRELUDE

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*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

Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,  
Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN – No. 246 GTG

***Christ is Alive!***

TRURO

\*OPENING PRAYER

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life bless and keep you. **Alleluia!**

**\*CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip, we have slandered our friends.**

**Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Sisters and Brothers,

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

(As a forgiven people, greet and share the Peace of Christ with one another.)

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Katy Manck, Reader

Lord, as we listen to your Holy Word, Open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-16**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN – No. 321 GTG**

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14**

Reverend Stanley Larson

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

\*AFFIRMATION: Pg. 35 GTG      *The Apostles' Creed*

\*RESPONSE – No. 581 GTG      *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As people of God, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor for God's work in the world. (Please place tithes and offerings in one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen.**

\*RESPONSE – No. 609 GTG      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      ERFREUEN

### THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION LITURGY – pages 8-12 GTG

\*HYMN – No. 701 GTG      *Lord, Prepare Me*

BUNESSAN

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE      Improvisation on "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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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!

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu for May 6 features Chicken Spaghetti, a side salad, dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 pm on Monday. You may sign up on Sundays using the link in the e-newsletter or by contacting the church office at 903-758-4952.

**One Love Snack Bags** items still needed for May 13: Beef jerky; cereal/protein bars; cheese/PB crackers; fruit snacks; peanuts; tuna pouches; Vienna sausage; 1 gal. Ziplock bags and bottled water. Thank you to all who continue to provide this small nutritional offering to our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

**Feeding Our 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 (903-238-6463 [rosebriggs07@gmail.com](mailto:rosebriggs07@gmail.com)) or Katy Manck (903-918-1154 [katyroo@gmail.com](mailto:katyroo@gmail.com)) to sign up or ask questions.

**Pride East Texas** will be on July 11, and CUMC and St. Andrew will have a double booth. Sign up to volunteer.



### ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

**CUMC members**, please mark your attendance today using the QR code here. **St. Andrew members**, please mark your attendance and note prayer concerns in the Friendship Registers in each pew.