

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118:1, 19-20

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clement Dunn, Worship Leader

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Meditation on "In the Garden"

GARDEN

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises! For God is the king of all the earth!

Let us worship the risen and ascended Christ, our Lord!

***HYMN – No. 307**

"God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDA

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In the light of the risen Christ, who appeared to his disciples and commissioned them, we confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy to forgive and renew us. Let us pray together.

Gracious God, you revealed your Son, risen and glorified, yet we often live as though the tomb were still sealed.

We doubt your presence, hesitate to proclaim your love, and fail to follow your call to witness. Forgive us, Lord.

Open our hearts to your peace, strengthen us by your Spirit, and send us out to share the good news of your resurrection. Amen.

(A time of silence for personal confession and prayer)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear the good news!

Christ is risen, and through him, God forgives us.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made new to live as witnesses of God's love.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgive! Alleluia! Amen.

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

And also with you.

(Let us offer one another signs of peace and welcome.)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Ward, Reader

Holy God, as your Word is proclaimed, open our minds to understand the scriptures, and fill us with the joy of your risen presence, through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Psalm 131

The Lord bless the reading of this, God's word.

The Lord bless the hearing of this, God's word.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:46-55

The Gospel of our Lord.

Glory be to you, O Christ. Thanks be to God.

HYMN – No. 324

“For All the Faithful Women”

NYLAND

New Testament Lesson: II Timothy 1:1-7

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Faithful Mothers”

Elder Alan Peters

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA))*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

(Continued.)

**vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

HYMN – No. 581

“Glory Be to the Father ”

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, bless these gifts that they may proclaim your love
and bring your healing to the world. Use us and all we offer
to advance your kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.**

***HYMN – No. 606**

“Doxology”

OLD HUNDREDTH

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to
give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place
where your glory abides.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

Amen. Alleluia. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Ecumenical wording*)

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

***HYMN** – No. 292

“As the Wind Song”

WAIURUATAPU

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

ASH GROVE

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!

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Church office hours Monday- Thursday

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed 1 hour for lunch)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meals with Love will be delivered on Tuesday, May 13. For more information, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Janet Martin, at 903-237-8295.

Join us in celebrating our **Angel Academy** graduates! The graduation ceremony will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, May 14, at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend and support our students on this special day!

Wednesday Night Live meal is served at 6 p.m. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday to RSVP. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. Next week's menu features pork tenderloin, sides, salad, & dessert.

St. Andrew will prepare and serve breakfast at **Newgate Ministries** on Saturday, May 24. For more information or to volunteer, contact Steve Crane at 903-452-2925.

Calling all with a knack for tidying! **On Thursday, May 29, at 10:00 a.m.**, we will clean-out St. Andrew's kitchen to prepare for our remodel. We'll also need volunteers to transport unneeded items to donation sites.

Time to look for books! To augment the bookshelves at local retirement centers and nursing homes, St. Andrew and Community United Methodist are collecting new and gently used books of interest to their residents. Look for dropboxes in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for this ongoing project. Contact Katy Manck at katyroo@gmail.com or 903-918-1154.

Mo-Ranch women's conference is a God-filled weekend retreat June 6-8 in the Texas Hill Country along the Guadalupe River. It's a time to take a break from the busyness of life and recharge physically and spiritually. To sign up, call Mo-Ranch at 800-466-4401 ext. 246 or visit <https://www.moranch.org/>

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